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This Week in Highlands

On-going Events

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

Mondays & Wednesdays

• Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

Mondays

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

Wednesdays

• Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Friday & Saturday

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

• Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9

• John Mac Kah will give a lecture, "View of Winter: On the Plateau," at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands. Cost is \$10. Call The Bascom at 526-4949.

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 10-11

• The "Don't Count Your Chickens" folk art show at the Highlands Community Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Friday, Oct. 10

• Cyrano's celebrates "All Things Tudor" with author Philippa Gregory at the Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Before a screening of "The Other Boleyn Girl," there will be champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres with the author with dessert and coffee served after the movie. The outfits worn by the actors in the film will be on display. Tickets are \$75. Call 526-5488 for reservations.

Sat.-Thurs., Oct. 11-Nov. 13

• "2008 Juried Art" exhibition at The Bascom featuring art from all over the Southeast. Free opening reception Oct. 11 5-7 p.m. 526-4949.

Saturday, Oct. 11

• At Highlands Falls Country Club, a luncheon and book signing with the author Philippa Gregory at noon. Tickets are \$100. To make reservations call 526-5488.

• At Cyrano's, author Philippa Gregory will sign copies of her newest book "The Other Queen," as well as copies of her other books from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Kevin Adams will sign copies of "North Carolina: Now and Then" from 2-4 p.m.

• At the Instant Theater, Love Letters, by A.R. Gurney, 8 p.m. This performance piece, costarring Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox, is being held as a benefit for The Instant Theatre Company. Call the ITC Box Office for tickets. \$35. 828-342-9197.

• Annual Highlands Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch catered by Fressers Eatery.

• Dr. Amy Patterson will vaccinate animals at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 pm and at the Scaly Mtn. Post Office from 3-4 pm.

Sat, Mon, & Wed., Oct. 13, 15, 17

• Artist Margie Shambaugh will teach "Porcelain Painting" for The Bascom for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$130 (\$117 Bascom members). For information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
63-50°F	65-52°F	64-51°F

Built-upon variance denied by ZB

A request for a built-upon variance on a piece of property already exceeding the built-upon percentage was denied at Wednesday's Zoning Board meeting.

The Patricia Bollinger property at 16 Highlands Walk is a .253 acre parcel – 11,020 sq. ft. – in the WS111-BW district. The Highlands

Walk subdivision is bordered by the Assembly of God Church property, Sixth Street and Smallwood Avenue.

The Bollingers were represented by Attorney Scott Newman who presented their case for a built-upon variance with mitigation.

Newman alleged that with a history of skin cancer

– which was documented by a medical report from Highlands Dermatology — Paul Bollinger can't spend time outdoors in the direct sunlight on the back porch of his home, so the family wants to cover the deck.

Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley said decks are •See VARIANCE page 25



Martha Betz and her mother Jane Lewis at the new Harris Lake Park on Harris Lake. Photo by Kim Lewicki

The name to be one in the same

Thanks to input from the community, the public park at Old Highlands Park on Harris Lake now has an official name.

On Friday, Oct. 3, the Name Selection Committee considered 165 entries which had been submitted via email over the past month to namethepark@awisp.net.

When building Old Highlands Park condominium complex on the Edwards family property at the

western end of Harris Lake, developer Bill Nellis, carved out a piece of property bordering the lake to be used as a public "walk to" park complete with benches and pavilions. Then he asked the community to name the park.

The selection committee — Mayor Don Mullen, John Cleaveland, Ran Shaffner, Richard Betz, Bill Nellis and Kim Lewicki – didn't know who submitted what name until after a con-

sensus had been reached.

Jane Lewis won the contest, but her "name" was submitted for her twice – once by her daughter Martha Betz and once by her other daughter Angie Jenkins. The Jenkins's submission was made in Lewis's name, and though meant to, Betz's submission wasn't. Long story short, the entry log showed two "Harris Lake Park" submissions

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Highlands TDC gets down to business

The first meeting of the newly appointed Highlands area Tourism Development Commission (TDC) took place Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Highlands Visitor Center.

Basically an organizational meeting, the advisory board went over the by-laws governing its actions concerning the allocation of occupancy tax funds, and officers were elected.

Interim chairman is Gary Drake, of Drake's Diamond Gallery, vice chairperson is Helene Siegel, of 4 1/2 Street Inn and secretary is Jerry Moore, of Kilwin's.

They are part of the eight-member board appointed by the Macon County Commission at its Sept. 8 meeting.

Also on the board is president of the Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce Bob Kietlyka – the only non-voting member – Town Board Commissioner Hank Ross, Sabrina Hawkins, of The Hampton Inn and Highlands Inn, Joe Green, of Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro and representing the county commission is Commission-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

FAQ ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT

Part 2

By Chief W.E. Harrell

Highlands Police Department

Questions sometimes arise about investigations & criminal activity. To help everyone understand why and why not certain cases are pursued or questioned and others not, over the next couple of weeks in Highlands' Newspaper, I will attempt to answer common questions.

• How substantial is information from the community concerning criminal activity and how much of it can the police department announce as fact?

We strongly encourage information from the public because it often opens doors and leads to pertinent information leading to the discovery of new offenses or offenders that we may be unaware of at that time.

Information coming from the public is also valued because on any shift we have a limited set of eyes or ears – due to our small size – whereas in a community there are thousands of ears and eyes. A lot of times tips lead to good information that we can track. We can't take tips at face value because they have to be corroborated by physical evidence that can be supported in a court of law for prosecution. If we try to use hearsay to establish probable cause then the elements or criteria that must be met to establish probable cause can't be met. Information must always be investigated. Hearsay isn't admissible in court.

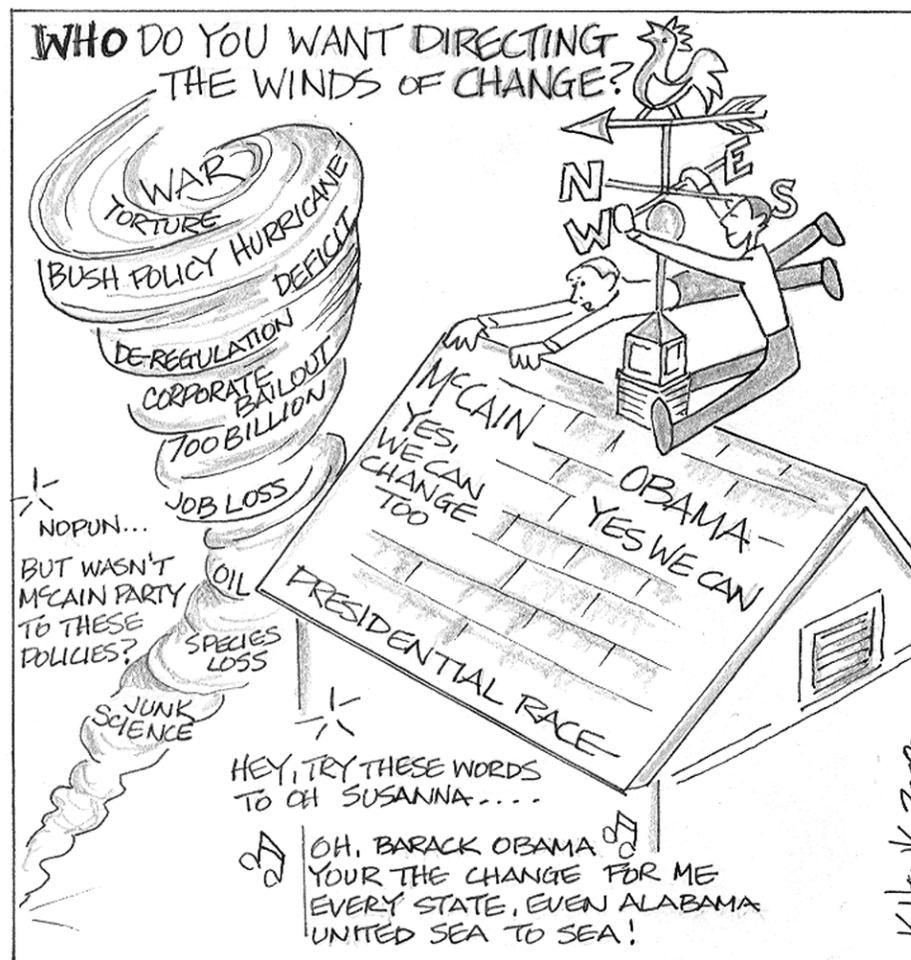
• Are there any instances when the police department can turn a blind eye to illegal activity?

No, absolutely not. But what people don't understand is that there are different levels of enforcement actions that can better resolve actions than actually taking someone into custody or issuing someone a state citation or a town ordinance violation.

Such tactics might be a verbal warnings or written warnings even if classified as a misdemeanor? which is what some state citations and town ordinance violations are. Issuing citations or violations for some violations isn't always for the greater good because sometimes those who commit the offenses did so without malice.

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. No anonymous letters will be accepted. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please email letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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• LETTERS •

Bail-out was criminal

Dear Editor,

Bailing out Wall Street with taxpayer money was stupid. Bailing out Wall Street (and even foreign banks) with taxpayer money that doesn't exist and which we do not have was criminal.

The root of America's collapsing economy is the counterfeiting operation known as the Federal Reserve (which is NOT a branch or agency of the federal government as most people erroneously assume).

This is the economic equivalent of placing a band-aid on a ruptured artery and is, in any case, a two trillion dollar or so robbery of the American people rushed and rammed down America's collective throat by a collusive Federal Reserve, President Bush, Congress and their fear-mongering federal media. And, when they run through the money they are being given by their co-conspirators in Congress what is to keep them from coming back to the trough for more? Every one of the people who run for office should be required to read *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat and *Not Yours to Give* (the story of Horatio Bunce educating Davy Crockett about spending other people's money). And they should be tested on it to see if they actually absorbed any of it.

God bless real Americans such as Heath Shuler and Ron Paul who had the courage and sense to vote no to this insanity. The others should be referred to as co-defendants, co-conspirators, common thieves, and/or traitors to America.

Danny Crane
Highlands

On the VP Debate: Correct Change?

Dear Editor,

I'm afraid that America in general is past appreciating the type of woman Sarah Palin represents, politically, domestically, socially, and spiritually. If America put the Clintons in White House twice, what are the chances that the majority of voters, regardless of race, party affiliation, or the now obvious determination to see a "black" in the Oval Office, (regardless of his extreme lack of qualifications and absolutely most liberal and abusive taxing voting record of any on the Hill) will vote responsibly and rationally? And many are

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• OBITUARY •

Frederick Claiborne Craig

Frederick Claiborne Craig, 78, prominent Jackson, MS custom home builder and noted *bon vivant*, died Tuesday, September 30, 2008 in Highlands, NC. after a long illness. Fred was born in Germantown, TN on September 25, 1930. He earned his degree in architecture in 1952 from Georgia Tech, where his fraternity Kappa Alpha nicknamed him "Mr. Bad" for his gleeful and imaginative disregard of GT's rules and regulations. After serving in Korea as lieutenant in a popular Army engineering unit rebuilding schools (and developing a wicked game of ping-pong), Fred began his career as a custom home builder in Jackson in 1960. He enjoyed such a singular reputation as a conscientious and skilled builder, that to this day his homes are advertised as being 'Fred Craig built.'

Fred married Norma Latimer Watkins in 1955, and they had four children: Clay of Miami, FL, Allison of Sarasota, FL, Linden of Knoxville, TN and Thomas of Highlands, NC, all born and raised in Jackson. Fred and Norma divorced in 1966, and after a brief but memorably hilarious period of trying to raise four children solo, Fred married Millsaps student Helen Patterson and they had a son, Erin, of San Rafael, CA. All five of Fred's children (and five grandchildren Tighe, Linden Glory, Samuel, Leah Grace and Phineas) survive him, and miss him, and aspire to match his joy for life. An exceptionally charming, generous, funny, and handsome blue-eyed southern gentleman whose devotion and appeal to the fairer sex never diminished. Fred divorced and married twice more, to Susan McLemore and his surviving spouse Kathleen Cummings Craig of Jackson. (Longtime Jacksonians may recall seeing bumper stickers inscribed *Honk if you've been married to Fred Craig.*) Fred served as a vestryman and Sunday School teacher at St. Andrew's Cathedral for many years, and built its much-admired new section in downtown Jackson.

A lifelong devotee of fishing, football, fine books, Old Charter and pretty girls, Fred retired from the construction business and moved to the cool mountains of Highlands, NC in 2004. A service was held at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands on Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. An interment service will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, MS on October 20 at 11:00 AM, with a reception following at the Millsaps Buie House. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society in Fred's name.

• THANKS •

Family grateful for support

The family of George T. "Skip" Hopkins would like very much to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the kindness and support shown us during Skip's long illness.

We would also like to thank Dr. Mark Wagner and the staff, nurses and volunteers of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospice; Sherry Sims and staff at Highlands Pharmacy; Dr. Doug Holmaka and staff at the Cashiers Village Veterinary Clinic; Debbie and Lisa of Fressers

Eatery and July and Tony of #1 Nails for the great food; Melinda Womack for her beautiful music; Vivian and Roy Estabrook of Dogwood acres and ... on the Verandah. We will always be grateful to you for your professionalism and compassion during this difficult time.

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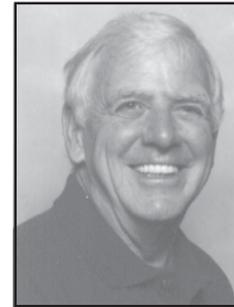
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

A pledge of allegiance to greed!

I'm working hard these days at becoming a serious fiction writer. True, I can knock out a goofy 750-word satire column with little thought. It just flows. But I'm deep into writing a mystery novel and find myself way outside my comfort zone. Many published writers have told me to write at a fourth-grade level. Novels with short sentences, no adverbs and few adjectives sell well.



Fred Wooldridge

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Where am I heading with this, you ask? I'm going to write something at a fourth-grade level concerning the deplorable state of our union, hoping it will sell with you. Please read carefully.

I have experienced the best of America. Our nation is in decline because our political system is broken. It has fallen and can't get up. I'm not sure it has the ability to get up. It's scary. I blame politicians. I rank them two notches below abortion doctors. It is my belief that 99% of the politicians give the one percent a bad name. Blame police work for my cynical attitude.

For a person to become a politician he must first become a whore. He sells himself to big money and big corporations to have enough money to win. If he doesn't, he won't get elected. John McCain has raised over 175

million dollars. Barack Obama has raised over 450 million dollars. Do the math. By the time this is printed, it will be over 800 million dollars collectively and growing. How many hungry people could be fed or how much health care could be provided with 800 million dollars? A system that allows politicians to waste that kind of money is a broken system. How is the money spent? Most of it goes to the wealthy media. It's disgusting.

I'm old enough to remember when Democrats

and Republicans worked hard for the American people. Sure, there was always fierce campaigning, but once that was over, they got down to the people's business and worked together. That is gone.

The two party system is broken. Each candidate says he'll reach across the aisle and work with his counterpart. But if there's no one across the aisle willing to work with a member of the other party, what good is that promise? America's two party system doesn't work for the people; it works for the politicians and their greedy personal gain.

There should be term limits on Congress. It'll never happen because it would take an act of Congress to approve it. Would you pass a bill that cuts off your life long gravy train and all those wonderful benefits? Their luxurious health care plan alone is staggering! What amazes me about our Congress, a group with an 18% approval rating, is the same bums keep getting reelected, term after term after term. Why do Americans do that to themselves? We're getting what we deserve. Our two leading presidential candidates come from that "do nothing" Congress. Sorrowfully, one of them will run this nation in January.

Every now and then, Democrats and Republicans in Congress agree on a bill. For example, better care for our war veterans. Who would be against that bill? But by the time it gets to the President's desk, it's loaded with outrageous pork barrel projects that have nothing to do with better care for war veterans. The president can veto the bill and become more of a goat than he already is or sign it and be ridiculed for promoting pork barrel spending. It doesn't matter the party or the president because both sides of the aisle do it. The system is horribly broken. I deserve better.

We don't even get to elect our president. Our voting system is a charade. Oh, we get

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The ties that bind us as Americans



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Karl Rove has declared that if the election were held today, Barack Obama would receive 273 electoral votes and claim the presidency. Who am I to argue with Mr. Rove, architect of George Bush's successful presidential bids? The election isn't being held today and much can change in the next month, but it appears that economic woes will trump race. If, in the next few weeks, we learn that Obama was criminally involved with Tony Rezko, Obama will lose the election, as he should. It won't be because he is black, but because Americans don't like dirty politicians.

Republicans are certain to wage a racially tinged campaign in the remaining days before Nov. 4, hoping to tap into a residual reservoir of racism in America. We will be treated to images of Rev. Wright damning America. Michelle Obama will say over and over again, "This is the first time in my adult life that I can say that I am proud of my country." Emails will rain from cyberspace claiming that Senator Obama is a Muslim extremist. Governor Palin has already exaggerated his relationship with Bill Ayers, saying that the Senator "pals around with terrorists."

It doesn't appear likely that these attacks will work this time around. Americans are more afraid of rising gasoline prices, failing banks, catastrophic illness, and loss of their retirement dreams than of a black man in the White House. Under ordinary circumstances, a candidate whose party had not occupied the White House for eight years would be swept to victory, if during those years the President had waged an unpopular war and presided over an economic downturn of historic proportions. This is not an ordinary election. For the first time in our history an African American has won his party's nomination, and that fact, more than any other, has kept this election close. Racism is not dead.

Barack Obama differs from earlier black leaders. Martin Luther King and Jesse

Jackson, for all their eloquence, could never connect with White America, for their roots were deep within the Black Church. Their rhetorical style was that of the southern black preacher, perhaps inspiring, but at the same time, alien and disturbing to a white audience. Obama is something else. He is well educated, quiet, and reserved, some say aloof. While his rhetoric soars and inspires, it is more reminiscent of John Kennedy's inaugural address than M.L. King's "I have a dream."

The truth is that America won't look much different under an Obama presidency than a McCain one. The Ship of State is a lumbering vessel, which resists abrupt changes in direction. Obama will nudge us to the left, towards the middle of the channel, while McCain might keep us perilously close to the right. Even without the influence of Corporate America and its Congressional cronies, our constitutional system of checks and balances, our two-party system, and the native temperance of the American people make radical change unlikely. Remember the Republican "Contract with

America?" How about the Democratic "First hundred days?"

In the end, the primary debate was whether they were talking about calendar days or legislative days. We will disengage from Iraq under either man, not as quickly as Obama claims nor as slowly as McCain suggests. We'll patch our broken health care system, but universal care will remain an

elusive goal. The economy will get back on track, the housing market will stabilize. We'll continue to export American jobs and import Chinese junk. Some people will win and some will lose. In four years, we'll do it all again.

If Obama prevails, as seems increas-

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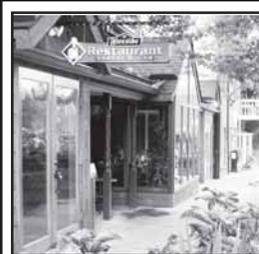
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Highlands-Cashiers Hospital blood drive Oct. 21 & 22

October may be the month for colorful leaves, but it is also an especially important time for giving blood. Particularly this October, say hospital officials.

The AnMed bloodmobile will be at First Citizens Bank on US 64 East on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital on Wednesday, the Oct. 22 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. It will be in Cashiers that afternoon from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Albert Carlton Library on Grouse Point Road.

"This is the last time in 2008 that the AnMed Bloodmobile will be in our area, so it is the last opportunity this year to donate blood that will potentially serve patients at our hospital," says Skip Taylor, director of Community Relations for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. The hospital relies exclusively on AnMed for its supply of blood and blood products, and has for nearly 30 years.

"We have lot of folks who think that if they donate to the Red Cross that it benefits Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, but the

hospital does not get any of its blood products from the Red Cross. Donating to the Red Cross is fine, but we also need people to donate to AnMed because that is the blood bank that supplies the hospital here," explained Taylor. "It's our goal at the hospital to raise at least as many units as patients here use in a year. Unfortunately, as the need for blood and blood products has increased here, local blood donations have not kept pace."

Taylor said that since the hospital was not able to conduct a blood drive as part of this year's Relay For Life, this fall's drive takes on even more importance. "We are in a position of having to play catch up this year," he said.

Finding blood donors is becoming increasingly difficult throughout the country - in part because there are more rules, such as those regarding foreign travel, that are designed to protect the blood supply from being contaminated by viruses as malaria, AIDS, or West Nile.

AnMed has tightened its rules for who

can and can't be a donor, and hence the number of potential donors that must be ruled out has risen in recent years. While only AnMed screeners can definitely rule you out as a donor, some of those who should not donate include women who are pregnant, those who have had hepatitis or contact with someone who has, anyone who has had a blood transfusion in the past 12 months, had a tattoo or travelled abroad in a malarial zone. And those who have chronic lung, kidney or liver disease, who use illegal drugs, have active tuberculosis, are at high risk of AIDS or is HIV-positive, or who has hemophilia should also not donate. Antibiotics, recent immunizations or inoculations, fever or infections may also rule you out, but it's a good idea to check with the bloodmobile staff to be sure. And if you have travelled recently to certain foreign countries you may not be able to donate for at least a year or two.

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Vantage Point

The 2008 action/thriller/intrigue, starring Dennis Quaid (Smart People, American Dreamz), Matthew Fox (Speed Racer, Smokin' Aces) Forest Whitaker (Last King of Scotland, Great Debaters, and almost every other film made in the last 10 years), Edgar Ramirez (21 Grams) and Sigourney Weaver (Baby Mama, Village, Alien, et al). Cinematography by Amir Mokri (National Treasure, Lord of War, Fat and Furious), Directed by : Pete Travis, based on a story by Barry Levy. Rated PG13 for intense and at times graphic, violence.

The Storyline (Don't worry, I will not be giving away any of the surprises, just to say, there are a lot of them) The President of the United States (William Hurt) has arrived in Spain to speak at an international summit on counter terrorism. As the president begins to speak at a meet and greet, shots ring out, he falls, chaos erupts, and everyone scrambles to find out what has, and what will, happen.

From there we see eight separate stories, each from a different person's perspective, among them, a news director (Weaver), a Secret Service agent with a past (Quade), a Spanish police

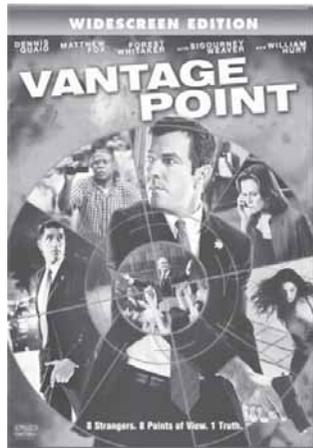


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officer, an American tourist (Whitaker), POTUS, Secret Service designation for the president (Hurt) and a few terrorists. The viewers and the characters, to start, have a limited perspective, but as each person's perspective is shown, the story and its action become clearer, as the initial event and it's immediate aftermath unfolds.

This film received only moderate critical reviews, but it really is a great piece of action/suspense. It's fast paced, has plenty of plot twists, lots of surprises, and a lot of time spent on the

edge of the seat. The story is intriguing, acting good, and has a fantastic chase scene, but the edge is created mostly by the filming and editing. Amir Mokri, who has filmed some really cool action films, some more serious, some much lighter, is at his best in this, and the editing, by Valdis Óskarsdóttir (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind) make this film.



A few others like this are the Bourne series, Limey, Hard Candy (with Ellen Paige, she's a genius), Lord

of War, Manchurian Candidate, Fargo, and Butterfly Effect. These and about 5,000 other titles are available at Movie Stop Video, stop on by and take a look.

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like for me: trustworthy, unswervingly honest, and completely committed to truth; a source that is not affected by the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. Of course, it wouldn't hurt that this source be big enough or have a supernatural ability to be everywhere all the time—this is a global community — and that the news be encouraging . . . , yeah, encouraging, really. Hmm . . . ?

OK, you can see where I'm going here.

Yes, the only source for this is God, and last we checked He did not run a news outlet. But wait a minute . . . He has given us a news source that is completely trustworthy, global in relevance and full of hope. It is the Bible.

So take a vacation, turn off the TV, the internet, the radio or close the paper. Read God's Word. The Bible is trustworthy, relevant and filled with hope!

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ingly likely, his greatest accomplishment may be not to change America, but to re-shape Black America. Kids may see possibilities beyond professional sports. Parents, inspired by the success of an African American, may escape their sense of hopelessness, a cancer which spreads to their children. Except for the color of his skin Obama looks and sounds much like the rest of our leaders. There is nothing about him that his white grandmother would fear if she passed him on a dark street. That's the thing about racism in America today. We don't loathe and fear African Americans, but rather a caricature, a stereotype, which Barack Obama shatters.

Fifty years ago, he would have been viewed as "uppity." Today he "gets it." Bill Cosby told black kids what Obama knows, and was branded an Uncle Tom, but the

truth is that we want our leaders to be in the main stream. We don't care much if Allen Iverson speaks from the ghetto and is covered with tattoos if he can shoot a basketball, although, in truth, a much less talented Shane Battier is far more likely to land a lucrative Old Spice ad contract.

America is ready for Barack Obama because Barack Obama is not a black American, but an American who happens to be black. Nothing that Sarah Palin or John McCain can say, nothing that TV adds can suggest, in the waning days of this campaign can change that fact. Senator Obama can no more divorce himself from the experience of growing up black than I can forget that I my grandparents spoke broken English. We no longer have to. We are America.

We're all in this together!



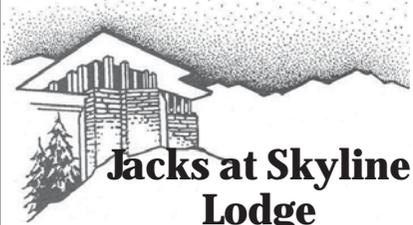
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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

The column without a name

I don't know about you, but my brain is about to explode. All this noise about our brilliant politicians fiddling while the world's financial systems are grinding to a halt to drive one buggy. I swear, before the last election when I suggested disaster if the Dem's gained control, even I didn't think things would unravel as soon and as dramatically as they have.

I have learned a lesson over the years; "If you think that you've hit bottom, just look down." With the possibility of an Obama presidency looming ominously on the horizon, someday we may look fondly back to now as the "good old days." But enough of doom and gloom.

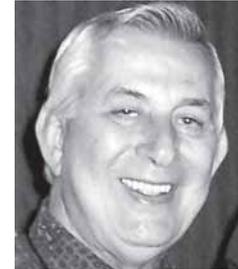
Have you noticed how eerily quiet it's been on the bimbo front? I scan the arrest records, tirelessly looking for our faves to show up and find barely a peep. The closest I can find is Britney, who is scheduled in court this month to face charges of driving without a license when she hit a parked car last year. Her lawyer is getting nowhere trying to get the charges dropped. Oh well.

Meanwhile, I had it on good authority that Lindsay was going to marry her girlfriend last month but I guess it didn't happen. Evidently, Paris decided to fill the lezzie void by hanging with Ellen DeGeneres. The two were seen snuggling the other day but it apparently didn't do it for Paris who partied with her beau that evening. That child is an animal. By the way, whatever happened to her presidential aspirations?

It must be perfectly clear by this time that I have absolutely nothing worthwhile to write this week, so, when in doubt....plagiarize. But first, I just had a thought.

Does it strike you as strange that professional football players, some of the biggest, toughest hombres alive, take pride in dancing in the end zone? Dancing in the middle of a football game?

And what's with the long hair? Half these guys have hair flowing out of their helmets that would make Cher proud in her best hair days. If I were out there, I'd have a tough time not grabbing a handful and hanging on. I don't know if they'd blow a whistle or not. And finally, earrings or studs, you know, those big diamond things in their lobes. While



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playing football? Are these people some advanced form of heeshees? Dancing, long hair, earrings? I don't get it.

Well, our brilliant Congress just passed the "bailout bill" and the Dow, that was expected to stage a big rally upon passage, bombed out instead ending the most miserable week of market activity in my lifetime. Thank God for football games on the TV.

I just received an email that I'll plagiarize because I think it carries a message that should be heard. 22 months ago, George Bush had been president for six years. Consumer confidence stood at a 2 1/2-year high. Regular gasoline sold for \$2.19 a gallon. The unemployment rate was 4.5%. The Dow had hit a record high at 14,000+. Americans were buying new cars, taking cruises, vacations overseas, living large!

But Americans wanted CHANGE! So, in 2006 they voted in a Democrat Congress – and we got a change. Since the Dems took over, consumer confidence has plummeted. Gasoline is now at \$4 a gallon. Unemployment is at 6.1%. Americans have seen their home equity drop by \$12 trillion and dropping. A record number of American homes are in foreclosure. The Dow is probing new lows - \$2.5 trillion has evaporated from their stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Is OJ's plight just wonderfully ironic? Evidently, the guy has a prison death thing, and it looks like he might get his wish. Can someone help me out with this? Congress took 10 days – two weeks max — to put together a 256 page bill to appropriate \$700-800 billion (the Iraq war has cost under \$600 billion so far) and it takes two months to sentence that creep. I don't get.

A gentleman responded to last week's column and said that I grossly exaggerated the affect of the Community Reinvestment Act and the demise of Fannie and Freddie. He suggested I Google in the subject to learn the truth. Okey Dokey.

Wikipedia says in 2008, the F twins owned or insured about half of the \$12 trillion of residential mortgage market. So did most major news sources in the country. Face the facts, sir, and Barney Frank has been in the middle of it for years.

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Summary of the September meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items that occurred at the Sept. 25 board meeting.

- As part of the opening invocation, Dr. Dave Register read a quote from Benjamin Franklin reminding all that God ultimately rules the affairs of both nations and men (and hospitals).

- Board Chairman Bud Smith announced the formation of a new Community Relations Committee to be composed of both board members and a number of appointees from various communities comprising the hospital's service area. The purpose of the new committee is not only to provide direction and ideas for how the hospital can better tell the public about the physicians and medical services it has to offer, but also to provide feedback to the hospital's leadership on ways the hospital can better serve area residents. Board members who will serve on the committee, in addition to Smith, are Griffin Bell, Julian Franklin, Dr. Don Mullen, and Brenda Stewart. Former Highlands Mayor Buck Trott, past hospital board chairman Ed Whitby and Janice Dillard, a member of the Cashiers banking community, have also agreed to serve on the committee. Other members are expected to be named shortly, Smith said.

- As part of an ongoing series of monthly informational presentations to the board, hospital President and CEO Ken Shull spoke briefly about the members who comprise the hospital's top administrative team, listing their education, qualifications, and work history. He also covered the managerial reporting structure at the hospital, pointing out which hospital departments report to which members of that team.

- Finance Committee Chairman Charlie Sheehan reported that the hospital made money during August, showing a profit before depreciation of \$182,000. Revenue for August was up 13% over what was originally budgeted. The hospital is still likely to lose almost \$3 million this year, however there is one more month, which will hopefully have a positive bottom line, to be reported before the end of the current fiscal year (Sept. 30).

Hospital leaders have been working furiously in recent weeks to develop a proposed budget that will substantially reduce that annual loss in the coming fiscal year. Working in conjunction with the hospital's Foundation Board, the Finance Com-

mittee had set a target of a \$1.1 million loss before depreciation. Sheehan said that after extensive work by administration and department managers that resulted in both targeted and across-the-board budget cuts, the projected loss has been cut to \$1.55 million before depreciation. While the proposed budget ended up still higher than hoped, the Finance Committee did recommend it to the full board.

Under the new budget, Shull said projected expenses will be reduced by .6 percent, and while many departments are being cutback, no services are being eliminated. The new budget anticipates a 6.5% increase in gross revenue, and a 6.1% increase in net revenue after contractual adjustments for Medicare and other insurers. Sheehan said the finance committee will be monitoring the actual revenue and expenses very closely each month to make sure the budget projections are met.

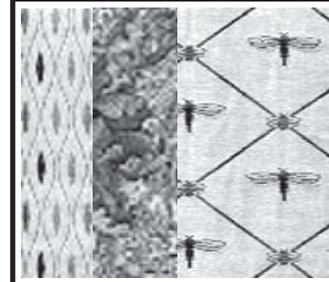
In-coming Foundation President Earle Mauldin said the Foundation is committed to raising the necessary funding through contributions to cover the anticipated budget shortfall, but cautioned that meeting that goal, in addition to providing for capital needs, represents quite a challenge. He said it's extremely important that the hospital remain within the boundaries of the proposed budget so that donors can feel confident that all measures are being taken to use their contributions effectively.

Board members also discussed how the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center impacts the hospital's cost allocations under Critical Access status. How various costs are allocated between the hospital and the center can dramatically affect what costs the hospital can claim under Medicare and Medicaid. As a Critical Access Hospital, Medicare reimburses the hospital for its allowable costs plus one percent. Sheehan said the finance committee will be taking an in-depth look at the overall operation of the Living Center and its impact on the hospital's cost structure over the next month or so and report back to the board.

As for capital needs around the hospital, Shull distributed a prioritized list of capital equipment needs. The board unanimously approved a motion adopting both the operations and capital budgets as submitted.

- During the Medical Staff report, Vice Chief of Staff, David Wheeler, MD, said the Medical Staff has elected new officers for the coming year. As current vice chief,

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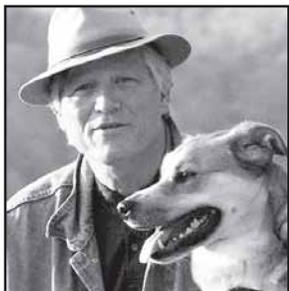
• ANOTHER POV •

The political rally

Late Saturday I discovered that there would be a political rally in Asheville on Sunday so at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning we were off. We arrived at Asheville High School and were in line by 8:30 a.m. The gates were to open at noon but the radio had suggested people be in line by 10 a.m. to ensure they could get one of the 7,000 available seats. We took our position in the back of the line and for the next 3 1/2 hours we watched the line grow down the length of the building, down the side, then out of sight and then back again. During the time before the gate opened we conversed with many of the people awaiting the rally. We laughed, joked and also talked of our real lives and our very real concerns. They were regular folks from what seemed every walk of life.

Two girls in front of us in line were doing their homework, many were reading their morning papers, and there was one kind-looking older lady knitting as she waited while three little children had gathered around to watch and learn. A young father played with his two kids tossing them up in the air while they giggled. An energetic two-year old wandered around on quick feet exploring while her mother followed in close support, and one group brought folding chairs and had a birthday party in line while they waited.

The organizers had planned two hours to process the people into the stadium after the gates opened at noon; however, 2 1/2 hours later, with the stadium full, and standing room on the field the only available space, they had to begin. Thousands of people remained as the line stretched up the hill to the parking area above, and hundreds more lined the road that ran along the top side of the stadium where they watched the proceedings from hundreds of feet away barely able to see the stage. Despite the early morning chill, the later morning heat, the long wait, and gathering crowds it was an orderly, pleasant and well-



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run event. It was an extraordinary gathering of Americans and the workings of the American system.

The rally itself was what you would expect of a political rally, several times there were cheers when the crowd thought the candidate was about to enter and then it erupted when he actually walked down the pathway to the stage below. The cheers were deaf-

ening.

I had never been to a Presidential rally in person before; I have heard many on television but never in person. It was a completely different experience. As the candidate began I was listening but it was more of a celebrity thing; just seeing the "star" and being part of the "show" was entertaining. I was very busy taking photos and preparing for the next shot. As the minutes rolled by, I found myself more in tune with the speech than the process. As a point stuck home with the crowd and they cheered I started to also. I listened more intently and began to hang on every word as if I also was going to hear that secret that was going to make my life easier. I listened and I heard, and as the speech progressed I no longer felt part of the crowd but as if I was the crowd and he was speaking directly to me. I was moved.

When he finished, he left the stage and entered the crowd around the stage and shook hands for a long time and I saw the excitement in the faces of those close by. He finally left and I was both spent for the experience and hopeful for the future.

When my wife and I are at the movies and it ends we stay and watch the credits to both allow the crowd to leave and to see what may come. You never know if there will be scenes after the credits and we like to see those odd scenes that most never see. If you doubt me just rent Adventures in Babysitting or Ferris Bueller's Day Off and you will be surprised. So keeping with our custom, we waited while the stadium start-

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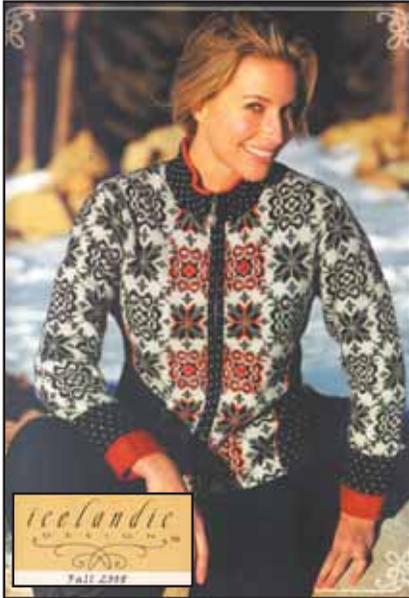
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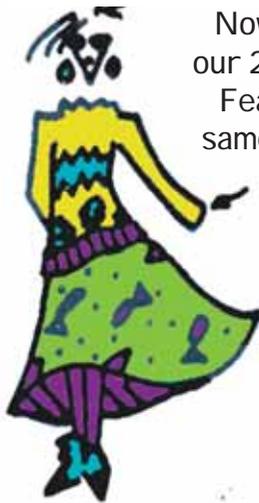
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Tony and Isabel Chambers with Jan and Gus Lard at the Highlands Historical Society.

A hundred years of Highlands history comes home

By **Ran Shaffner**

The Highlands Historical Society is extraordinarily grateful to the many people who have donated historical treasures to its public archives. This past week Gus and Jan Lard of Highlands made the most recent donation of a large number of photographs that they received from descendants of Highlands' co-founder Samuel Kelsey.

Katherine Elise Ogden Hays was the daughter of Laura Kelsey, Samuel and Katherine Kelsey's oldest child, and it was Katherine's nephew, Ed Hester, from Colburn, Indiana, who sent a package of photographs to the Lards in 2002, when the Lards were co-owners of Kelsey and Hutchinson Lodge. Gus had kept the photographs in a gun case until he felt they would be best preserved at the Historical Society's Archives. Many of the photographs depict scenes and residents of early Highlands.

The Archives have been fortunate to receive during the past year a number of significant donations from Highlands residents. Lydia Macaulay gave a rare copy of Judge Felix Alley's *Random Thoughts and Musings of a Mountaineer*, which contains many references to the Highlands plateau.

Alice and Kent Nelson donated a photograph of early Highlands resident Henry Sloan, duck hunting in a Louisiana marsh, and a number of pieces of furniture from the Monroe family, many of which had be-

longed to the Ravenels when they lived at what's now known as *Playmore*.

Tom Young contributed the water fountain that stood in front of the Galax Theatre until the 1960s, which he stored in his garage for 40 years. Many a Highlander quenched his thirst at that fountain. Marge Pagan of Baltimore, Maryland, donated a first-edition of Mary Chapin Smith's book of poetry, *Earth Songs*, which she was offering for sale on eBay.

Pixie Killebrew gave a coverlet, hand-spun and woven during the early to mid 1800s, and Richard and Margie Melvin gave photographs, post cards, news articles, and books directly related to Highlands. Alan Lewis gave a stand-alone Singer Sewing Machine and a 1929 shell of a Model-A Ford. Horace Duncan gave a 1926 4-Door Model-T Touring Sedan.

Birney Robert donated an early 1900s artist's easel and a 1,500-pound safe, first used during the 1920s at W. S. Davis's Rock Store (the ground floor of today's Old Edwards Inn) and then located at Pierson Real Estate on the 4th Street hill. Bruce Thompson contributed a large photograph and history of Whiteside Cove Chapel, and Dave Fouser gave the fine pipe organ now housed in the Prince House parlor.

Collin and Scott Paxton and Anne

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• HIS & HERS •

Prices, politicians, and common sense

I've watched the stock market go up and down lately like a giant yo-yo. I've followed the details of the so-called bailout.

But there's an aspect of this situation which applies to the bad mortgages, whose failures led to the collapse of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. And applies to the failures of Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual, AIG, Wachovia, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the White House, and both presidential campaigns.

What is the common denominator of all these failures? It is rapid decline in prices of mortgages, bundled mortgages, and businesses which trade on bundled mortgages, and finally, politicians who are rented by such businesses. The part of these related disasters which no one in the press has bothered to discuss, is basic.

What are prices?

Basic fact one: A price for any product or service is the dollar value at which a willing seller will transfer it to a willing buyer.

Basic fact two: Whenever government interferes in the free market by forcing any product or service to become either cheaper or more expensive than it normally would be, the price of the forced change will be paid by other people, somewhere else in the economy.

Basic fact three: Some prices depend heavily on future expectations about the value of the product. No one buys a pencil hoping its value to go up in the future. However, everyone who buys a share of stock expects its price to go up (or dividend increase) or otherwise he/she wouldn't buy it in the first place.

Mind you, I am not advocating laissez faire economics at the Darwinian level. Telling a manufacturing firm that it cannot dump the toxic byproducts of its factories into the nearest stream obviously raises the price of the widgets that are produced in that plant. And, the cost of controlling, rather than dumping those byproducts will be passed onto the rest of society when people buy and use widgets. The point is that such "social costs" should be honestly recognized, and openly imposed.

Let's apply these ideas that are taught in the first week of Economics 101, in all colleges where such courses are taught by professors who impart knowledge, not politics, to their students.

As Ben Franklin observed, centuries ago, and Abe Lincoln reaffirmed a century ago, time is money. When Congress passed a law in the Carter Administration to force lending institutions to make home loans to people who wouldn't otherwise get them, it forced the prices down for certain people. A 5% down payment, or even less, is easier to accumulate and takes less time, than the standard 10% to 20%. Likewise, a shoddy credit record is easier to acquire than a clean one.



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Then, in the Clinton Administration, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were ordered to increase their purchase of such loans. And, they bundled them and sold them in the open market to assorted private investment banks and brokerages. At the time, the price of these bundled securities was high. After all, they had higher yields than normal loan packages, and they seemed to be guaranteed by the federal government.

Put it in your own terms. If there are two banks on the same street, both with federal deposit insurance, and one pays a 4% interest rate and the other an 8% rate, where would you deposit your money? You should put your money where you receive the highest price.

Ah, but what happens if the higher rate bank turns out to be uninsured? So, your whole deposit could be lost? Then, you should grab your money and run. That is exactly what both individuals and institutions have been doing for the last two weeks.

But, remember that the whole disaster began with the government – both Congress and Presidents – artificially lowering the price of houses for certain people (including as it turns out, people who are not even American citizens). Efforts to place controls on the excesses of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac sponsored by President Bush and Senator McCain, among others, were defeated on a party-line vote in the US Senate, by Democrats who had received substantial contributions from Fannie and Freddie.

There are no goods and services, and only a fraction of individuals, who do not have a price. And when that price is met, the exchange takes place.

I hope this discussion of prices is helpful to you in considering what is happening, and not happening, both in the economy and in the halls of Congress.

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Paying taxes is patriotic

Once when I was watching a western, it occurred to me that perhaps the true hero of the film was not the cowboy who rode in to save the day and then rode off into the sunset, alone. The real heroes were the townspeople, doing the hard work of creating a civilized society out on the frontier. Being an individual is easy. Building a community is hard. Societies exist on a continuum between extreme collectivism and extreme individualism. China is an example of the former, and the U.S. is an example of the latter. We worship the idea of the

individual. The American icon is the cowboy, the rugged loner. Other countries such as European nations and Canada exist somewhere in between those two extremes. They have a much stronger sense of the society-as-a-whole, an entity that is greater than just the sum of its parts. These societies are committed to ensuring that there is a relatively small difference in wealth among the citizens of their countries. In the U.S. even the poorest hate any restrictions on the rich because they hope one day they'll be rich and then they don't want anyone taking their wealth away.



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Paying taxes is how we pitch in to create a government to solve the problems of a society of 300 million people. We can argue about the priorities of that government, about how much should be spent on different areas of life. But the act of paying our taxes is as patriotic as voting or serving in the military—it is an act of caring about our country and participating in the good of the whole.

Barack Obama plans to raise taxes on Americans who make over \$250,000 a year while decreasing taxes on the rest of us (the vast majority of the population) if he wins the presidency. A couple of weeks ago Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden had this to say about rich people paying more in taxes: "It's time to be patriotic. Time to be part of the deal. Time to help get America out of the rut. And ... they're still going to pay less taxes than they paid under Reagan."

Recently I interviewed Edgar Owens, a veteran of World War II who lives next door to the cabin in which he was born in Satolah, GA. He told me he could have gotten a deferment. I asked him why he didn't take the offer, and he replied, "I had two brothers in the war and I wasn't any different. I had to hold up my end of the bargain — it was my country." I said, "Wow, people don't think like that today, now they'd grab the chance to get out," and Edgar replied, "There was a bond between people then, I think we've lost that today. I'd rather have a friend than a dollar because you can have a friend for a lifetime."

Of course Sarah Palin attacked Biden on this point in their debate last week, saying, "Now you said recently that higher taxes or asking for higher taxes or paying higher taxes is patriotic. In the middle class of America which is where Todd and I have been all of our lives, that's not patriotic. Patriotic is saying, government, you know, you're not always the solution. In fact, too often you're the problem so, government, lessen the tax burden on our families and get out of the way and let the private sector and our families grow and thrive and prosper."

Maybe that's why we call his generation the "greatest generation": they understood the importance of community and were willing to sacrifice their individual needs and desires, even their lives, to serve the good of the whole.

Biden answered her a little later in the debate, "... a \$100 billion tax dodge that, in fact, allows people to take their post office box off-shore, avoid taxes. I call that unpatriotic. I call that unpatriotic."

The Republicans have spent the last forty years convincing us that government is bad and taxes are a burden that should be reduced to zero if possible. Douglas J. Amy, Professor of Politics at Mount Holyoke College, has a website that offers an alternative point of view, www.governmentisgood.com. This is from his article "Taxes are Good":

I think this issue goes beyond what Biden said — I think paying taxes is patriotic for all of us, the wealthy and the middle-class.

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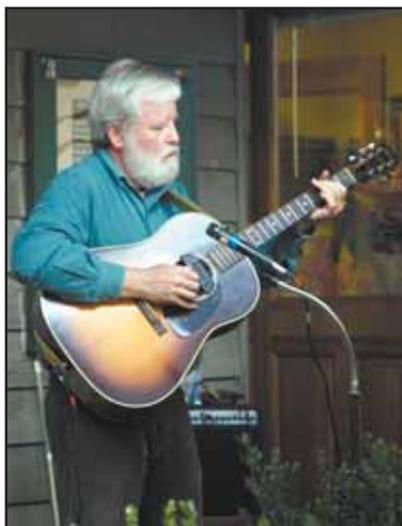
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Above, a patron at Friday nights affair surveys diamonds. Upper Right, John Warren and band perform at Saturdays activities at the Hudson Library and right, patrons mingle prior to the sit-down dinner at The Farm

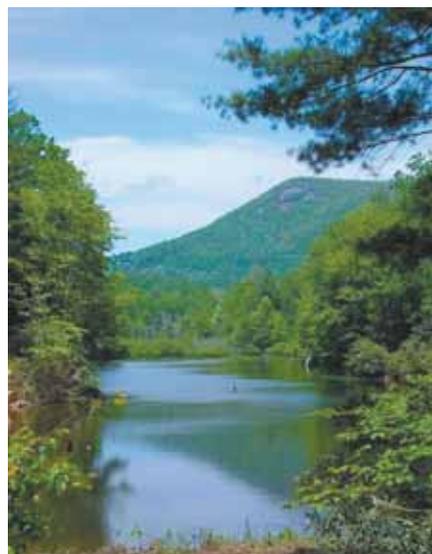


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their dues. It is the same thing with our country — being a member in good standing of a remarkable nation.

"Franklin Delano Roosevelt once remarked that 'Taxes, after all, are dues that we pay for the privileges of membership in an organized society.' And Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. expressed a similar sentiment when he said that 'I like to pay taxes. With them I buy civilization.'"

- All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com

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to vote but it's useless. The Electoral College, a group of coneheads who can do what they please, get to decide who our president will be. The people can go to hell. If the popular vote mattered, Al Gore would have been our president and we would be severely ridiculing him instead of Bush. We can't elect our president because the politicians would lose control. It's not about party, it's about corruption.

People often ask about my party affiliation. One guy commented, "You often make fun of McCain in your column but not

Obama. May I assume you're a Democrat?" Here's what I told him. "There's nothing funny about Obama. Assume this. I'm an angry Independent and big Elmer Fudd fan. Other than that, assume you should mind your business."

There, is that fourth grade enough for you?

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- Why is the li'l missus a saint? Read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars*

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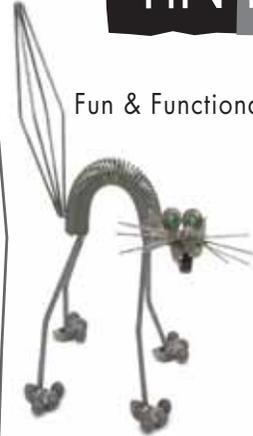


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• COACH'S CORNER •

I know why the Cubs fan weeps

OK, so in a moment of brutal honesty I can tell you that over the years there has been no suffering that I have relished more than that of Chicago Cubs fans.

While I can't stand the Yankees, their fans don't exactly suffer after 26 championships, so they don't count. Cubs fans, on the other hand, have been enjoyable to watch from afar, mainly because of their October failures have been a staple of Major League Baseball for almost a century.

I love Cubs fans, because every year they proclaim loudly that this is going to be their year. They spend tons of money on free agents, play great baseball during the regular season, and then find a way to torment their fans by choking heavily at just the right time.

I was chuckling to myself this weekend when the Cubs pulled their annual disappearing act, getting swept by the Los Angeles Dodgers. I enjoyed watching the talking heads on television wax poetic about another Cubs collapse in the postseason.

While all of these revelations make me look like a complete jerk (a sentiment with which some people would agree) the truth is I don't really revel in it as much as chuckle silently to myself at the thought of delusional Cubs fans and their false hope.

It is with these thoughts that I discovered something new about myself while watching Monday Night Football. I myself... am a Cubs fan. Why you ask? Because I am a fan of the New Orleans Saints, one of the most cursed franchises in all of sports. I watched my Saints gain 700+ yards of offense and waste one of the greatest Monday night performances in many years. (Reggie Bush was simply in another world Monday night). As I watched Ryan Longwell put the nail in the Saints season, I realized that I am exactly like the Cubs fans that I used to silently mock. Every year I raise my hopes that the Saints have made the perfect moves in the off-season to finally break through and make it to a Super Bowl. Every year I come away with a great deal of disappointment -- whether it be in the fifth game of the season or the 17th game of the season -- the Saints always find a way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

While the Cubs have Steve Bartman, October collapses and 1-15 performances from Alfonso Soriano, I have Aaron Brooks, memories of Randall Cunningham destroying us, and a missed FG from Billy Cundiff that brought the Bears the



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momentum and ultimately a blowout in the 2007 NFC Championship.

While my pain has not lasted 100 years like that of Cubs fans, my optimism at the beginning of a NFL season rivals that of even the most diehard of Cubbies.

It is with a heavy heart that I write to Cubs fans today with a deeply heartfelt apology and a renewed sense of kinship. So, here's to next

year, my brothers in sucktitude, for we can always rely on the fact that hope springs eternal.

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ed its very long process of emptying out. As the thousands shuffled in lines to leave, we waited in the now empty stadium seats. As we did, a group of three people came by, one of which was the principal of the school. They were saying how the candidate had arrived early and due to the unexpected number of people and the time required to get them in he asked, "Since you are the principal here do you know someone who has the keys to the gym?" She obviously did and they went and "shot some hoops together." She said that the candidate had her stand as if she was guarding him and they took some photos just for her. As she related this story I could she was in that place where pure excitement and laughter could easily move to tears of emotion. As we started to walk out a young boy of 10 or so just stopped us as we walked by and said, "Look what I have." He stuck out his hand and showed us a calendar that the candidate had signed for the young boy when the candidate was walking around the crowd after the speech. He was overjoyed and said to us, "He took the time to sign this for me. This is something I will remember all my life."

I know he will - I will.

In the days before radio and TV, candidates stood in front of people and spoke directly to them. There was no editing, no retakes, no technology, no media show; just straight talk to concerned people. Some people say that you can get all the knowledge you need about the politics of selecting a candidate from watching the news. I have Another Point of View; I believe that you can only really see the effect the candidate will have on America by seeing how Americans are affected by the candidate. Be part of the real process.

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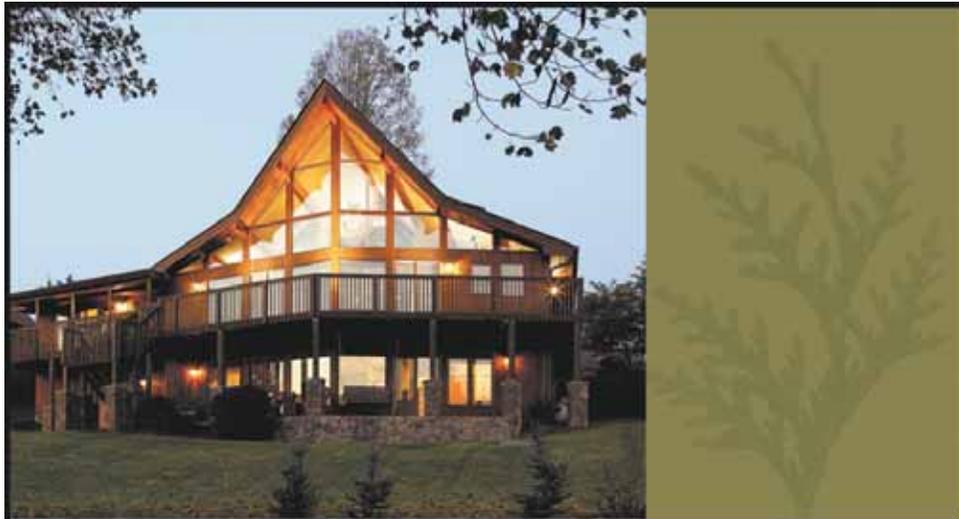
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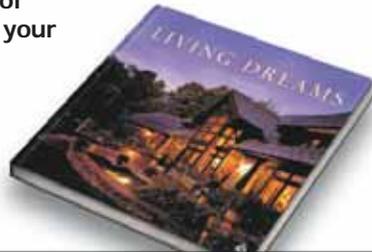
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During the first two meetings, the girls designed T-shirts which they will wear during club activities.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, three members of the club joined scouts at the Charity Fair held at the Rec Park.

Together the girls served BBQ and hot dog lunches, sold cotton candy, balloons and applied water-based tatoos to help raise funds for needy students at Highlands School and to support the F.A.I.T.H. ministry in Clayton, Ga.

For more information about the club, call Supervisor Kim Lewicki at 526-0782.

Hudson Library volunteer reception



Hudson Library volunteers from left: Joe Edwards, Carol Goodloe, Sally Barloga, Sarah Edwards, Linda Curtiss, Lois Gerald, Linda Edwards, Gladys Calloway, Muriel Kolb.

On Monday, Sept. 29, the Hudson Library hosted a reception at Wolfgang's Restaurant to thank the many volunteers who are an essential part of the library. The library staff, volunteers, and members of the board of directors enjoyed fried shrimp and crabcakes while getting better acquainted. John Gaston, president of the Hudson Library Board of Directors, commented "without our volunteers the library would have to hire 50 part-time employees. The volunteers are what allow us to provide such excellent service." The volunteers assist the staff at the Hudson Library and completely run the Bookworm, the used bookstore in the Peggy Crosby Center. If you'd like to become a volunteer, call the library at 526-3031.

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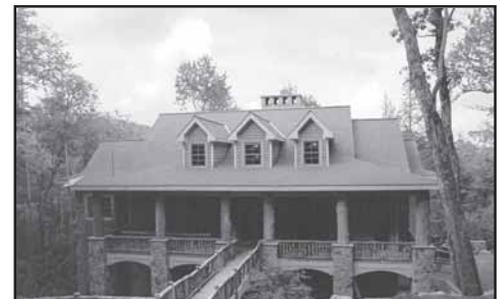
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Doggett contributed a suitcase of Watson Barratt's documents as well as boxes of documents, photographs, and playbills from the Highlands Community Theatre, and Jeremy Wilcox donated the remaining historical items to complete the collection, including posters and stage plans that Fred Allen created when he directed the Theatre during the 1950s.

Leon Talley gave a landscape tableau of a road and home in Highlands, beautifully crafted in 1929 by John Jay Smith, and a spinning wheel that John Jay Smith had given to Miller Henry. Tom Cox contributed an extensive postcard collection.

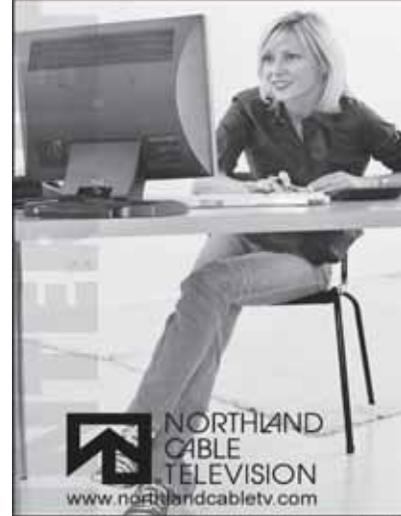
Mountain Garden Club added its scrapbooks to the archive collection of scrapbooks from the other garden clubs and the Woman's Club, and Moyna Monroe gave an ornately framed photograph depicting one of the Ravenels. Mary Lou and Lewis Dendy have given furniture, cooking utensils, items of clothing, archeological objects, and old photographs, as has Doris Potts, not only during the past year but over several years, as have many others not named here.

Marie Cranston contributed a rare copy of the 1923 photographic booklet, *Beyond Satulah Lies Highlands*. Charlie McDowell gave a portrait-size photograph of Jane Nicholson Russell, who ran the famous stage stop and inn, known as Russell house, for weary travelers between Walhalla and Highlands during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Another very recent gift to the Archives was Barbara White's 3-volume publication of *A Month of Sundays in God's County: A Discovery of Rural Churches in Macon County, N. C.*, which includes photographs and gives insights into many of the current churches of Highlands.

Since 1999, when the Highlands Historical Society was re-activated, there have been many, many other contributors to its Archive collections, which are being catalogued and put on display for the public. The Society welcomes and appreciates all donations that help to give a more complete and fascinating glimpse into the lives of the people who founded and continue to contribute to the unique history of Highlands.

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led to say nothing lest they be termed "racists." It has nothing to do w/the mixed color of O'Bama's skin or heritage, though many on both sides will indeed make it about such.

But in reality, it gets down to character, experience, and a determination to put the care of the nation ahead of one's political party/agenda/desire for power. Let me state emphatically, that some Republicans have not been innocent here the last 4 years in particular. But what is going on now on the stage of the Presidential election reveals a more sinister, indeed flagrantly hostile reaction to the female Governor of Alaska. Can you imagine the stream of vile indignations that would erupt from the left if the Republican machinery aimed the same type insults and arrogance at Michelle O'Bama that the Democrats & TV Network spokespersons are now spewing out towards Governor Palin?

Governor Palin is being berated mercilessly, and most of the comments are nothing but course jesting, hurling what the left/Democrats believe to be superior intellectual barbs of a personal nature concerning her chosen lifestyle. And ironically, much of it coming from especially women in the Democratic party, that same gender on Capitol Hill

that was so gung-ho for Hillary to rescue the fate of all women, and to promote a woman as President. Apparently for most of these women who oppose McCain's running mate, they only wish for a female political figurehead who follows their own self-centered ideas of what constitutes a woman in roles of leadership. Woe be unto that woman who speaks her mind & heart NOT based on their political, (often immoral) feminist leaders. The hypocrisy is blatant and doing more harm to their "cause" than any possible good.

What the VP Debate revealed was not that Sarah Palin is incompetent. Exactly the opposite. No what the VP Debate truly revealed is how better prepared Joe Biden is to be President, rather than the now trendy, promise-change-in-every-paragraph, play-the-race-card-regardless-of-the-consequences, Barak O'Bama. Way to go Joe! You showed up your boss on national TV, while at the same time, gave a woman of character and devotion to her convictions a wonderful platform to contrast the empty rhetoric based on one solitary word, "CHANGE." The question will be answered soon as to who has the correct change?

Mark W. Hutchison
Highlands & Kennesaw, GA

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from two different people but really it was Lewis's idea, said Betz.

In fact, there were lots of duplicate entries to the "Name the Park" contest, but in the end Harris Lake Park won out getting the committee's unanimous vote.

"I thought people would probably always call it Harris Lake Park so I thought it should be named that," said Lewis. "Plus, I think it honors Highlands' heritage."

Lewis heralds from the Anderson family, one of the original families in Highlands.

Once the Harris Lake Sewer Project is completed, Nellis plans to erect an archway with the park's name on it at the corner of Smallwood Avenue and Fifth Street. To honor the Edwards Family - who sold him the property - a plaque will be affixed to the arch reading "In honor of The Edwards Family."

As advertised, as winner of the contest, Lewis received a dinner for four at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro courtesy of Nellis Communities.

The park contains two covered picnic tables, two benches, lots of grass and three boulders salvaged from the clearing of Bridal Veil Falls.

Betz said she is grateful to Nellis for preserving a piece of the area which holds dear childhood memories for many Highlands centered around ice skating and feeding the ducks.

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Wheeler automatically becomes chief of staff, beginning Oct. 1. Dr. Herbert K. Plauché was chosen vice chief, and Dr. Mark Shoptaugh was elected secretary/treasurer.

In other action, the Medical Staff recommended that Dr. Patrick Cary McEntire be granted one-year provisional privileges in Emergency Medicine. He is board certified and will be filling in in the Emergency Department. Dr. Michael Messino was also recommended for a two-year re-appointment to the consulting staff in Hematology/Oncology. The board unanimously approved those recommendations.

- Dr. Jim Rothermel, co-chair of the Patient Care Committee, talked about the hospital's procedures for the prevention of "sentinel events," which involve mistakes that cause serious adverse results to patients. While such cases are extremely rare here, all hospitals are required to have procedures in place to deal with such events and take steps to make sure that such errors don't happen again. He also reported that the committee had discussed the hospital's policy on how so-called "never events" are handled. The Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services, as well as the National Hospital Association and other groups have been working to reduce "never events," such as surgical errors, across the country, including non-payment for procedures where errors take place, or in other cases, for subsequent procedures that may be required to correct the error (such as a subsequent surgery to remove a sponge left in a patient). The hospital here has already essentially been following most of these guidelines for some time.

- Chairman of the Program and Facilities Committee Julian Franklin gave an update on the Cashiers Medical Office Building. The hospital continues to explore ideas for expanding the existing building located just off NC 107 south of Cashiers. Designs and drawings are being prepared. He said the committee also would be studying the current utilization of space in medical office buildings located on the hospital campus with an eye to future cost savings.

- In his administrator's report, Shull said the hospital is continuing to talk to both a family-practice physician and a neurologist who may be interested in practicing in the area. The neurologist, who would be part-time, is currently in the process of obtaining a NC medical license.

- Shull said an inspector from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services paid another visit to the hospital recently to make sure the hospital had followed up on correcting several maintenance safety issues found during an earlier visit. Shull said all the issues checked by the inspector had been already corrected as requested.

- A new, full-time director of nursing has been hired and is expected to begin work in late November.

- And as the fiscal year is coming to a close, he also took the opportunity to list a number of key objectives that were accomplished in the past 12 months. Among the items on that list were the recruitment of two very qualified general surgeons to the hospital, recruitment of a new, very popular gastroenterologist, nurse staffing level sufficient to reduce the hospital's need for outside agency nurses by 50 percent, a successful re-accreditation survey, successful surveys by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, much improved public confidence in the hospital and the care it provides, and better relations with the Medical Staff.

- In his Foundation report, Earle Mauldin told board members that last August's Bob Jones Golf Tournament sponsored by the Highlands Country Club generated \$110,000, and an additional donation of stock in the amount of \$20,000 to the Foundation for support of the hospital.

Mauldin also reported that the following Foundation officers have been elected for the coming year: Earle Mauldin, chairman; Clem Patton, vice chairman; Jim Wilkinson, treasurer; Sam Magruder, secretary; and Charlie Sheehan, executive committee member at large.

- Governance Committee Chairman Dr. Don Mullen presented a recommendation that two new people be added to the hospital's board of directors. From Highlands, the committee recommended Frances Oakley (Highlands and Charlotte), who is active in several community organizations and is the past chairman of the Highlands Community Child Development Center board of directors, and also a past member of the Highlands Country Club Board of Directors. From Cashiers, the committee recommended Lynn Dillard, who also has a long history as a community leader. Board members unanimously approved those appointments.

The board will keep the same for the coming year, with Smith as chairman, Mullen as vice chairman, and Brenda Stewart as secretary.

- Finally, Chairman Smith took a moment to welcome Earle Mauldin as a full member to the hospital board (by virtue of his position as the new chair of the Foundation Board), and to thank outgoing Foundation Chairman Bill Gaston and Foundation Board member Arthur Howell, both of whom are retiring as active members of that board. Both will become directors emeritus of the Foundation Board. Smith also presented a plaque Dr. David Register for his time, dedication and devotion to the hospital board. His term expired Sept. 30.

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**Highlander
 Byron Gordon**
 at the away match
 against East Henderson.

Photo by Noel Atherton



Weekly soccer wrap-up

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands men's soccer team continued their winning ways with solid road victories over East Henderson and Hayesville to raise their overall record to 9-2-2.

In a road contest with 2A East Henderson, the Highlanders scored two minutes into the contest and relied on a strong defensive performance both from the back line and goalkeeper Ezra Herz to come away with a 1-0 victory. The Highlanders lone goal came from Luke McClellan on a corner kick from Mikey Lica.

Highlanders coach Chris Green was pleased with the effort, particularly because "East Henderson was a very fast team, much like the teams we face in the state play-

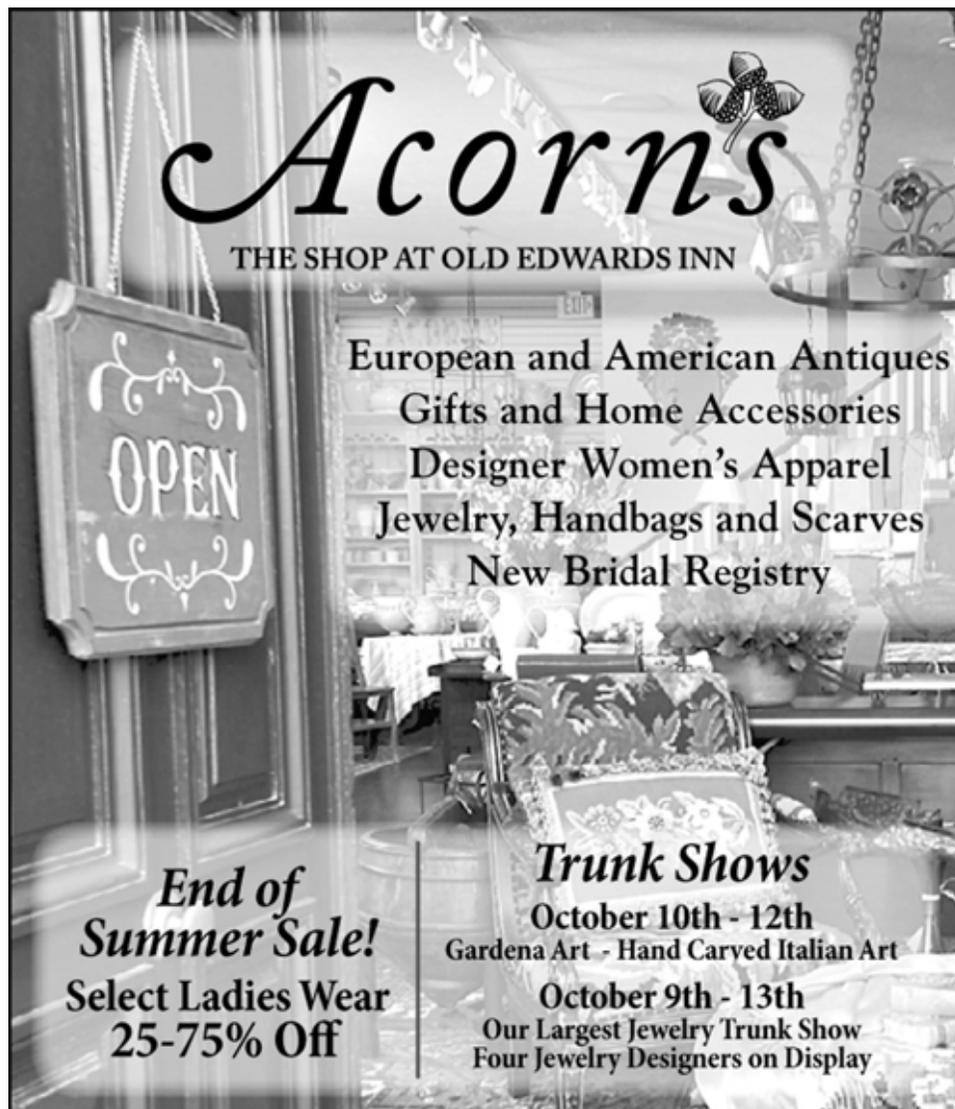
offs."

Tuesday, the Highlanders traveled to Hayesville for a road contest with the improved Yellow Jackets.

After a scoreless first half, the Highlanders were able to wake up with second half goals from seniors Mikey Lica (2) and Taylor Parrish. Samuel Wheeler added a fourth goal and the Highlanders prevailed 4-1.

Coach Green also praised the play of sophomore Jose Fera, who had two assists and played with great confidence.

Highlands will travel to Polk County tonight for a battle between two of the top soccer programs in western North Carolina.



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POLICE, FIRE & SHERIFF DEPT. LOG

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Sept. 27-Oct. 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Sept. 27

• At 9 p.m., officers responded to a call concerning the theft of a green Diamond Back bike that was taken from the back porch of a residence.

Sept. 28

• At 6 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 east and Foreman Road.

• At 7:25 p.m., D&J Express Mart reported someone had tried to cash a stolen check made out for \$250.

Oct. 2

• At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at the Post Office and N.C. 28

• During the week, officers responded to 1 alarm activation.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 2-8

Oct. 2

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Hill Road. No problem was found.

Oct. 3

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mountain Ash Lane. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to the Satolah Fire Dept. by manning their station while they responded to a structure fire.

• The dept. responded to a chimney fire at a residence on the Dillard Road. It was extinguished.

Oct. 5

• The dept. was requested to check out a report of smoke in the Mirror Lake area. It is believed to have been smoke drifting through the area from a fireplace.

Oct. 7

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Smallwood Avenue. The victim was taken to the hospital.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries Oct. 2-5.

Oct. 2

• At 9:50 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm activation at a home on Upper Carriage Hill Drive. All was secure.

Oct. 3

• At 10:10 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm activation at a home on Lake Sequoyah Drive. All was secure.

Oct. 5

• At 8 p.m., deputies responded to a resident on Highlands Hill Drive who said she was receiving phone threats. The case is under investigation.

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er Brian McClellan.

The chairman of the TDC must be appointed by the county commission which meets Monday, Oct. 13.

"I expect Gary Drake to be appointed chairman of the TDC officially at the county's Monday night meeting," said Kieltyka.

Drake said the group is just getting its feet wet in regards to what its purpose is.

"Basically, we're an advisory commission set up to oversee how the chamber of commerce spends the occupancy tax money," said Drake. "In addition, there will be grant money disbursed to various organizations, but we haven't outlined those guidelines, yet."

Macon County Finance Director Evelyn Southard will be in charge of the room tax fund disbursements once allocations are decided.

For 2007-2008 room tax money generated in Highlands was about \$240,000. In Franklin-Nantahala about \$150,000 was generated.

Once given back to the areas that generated it, it can only be used to promote travel and tourism.

A three percent room tax is levied by every lodging establishment in the county.

The county commission wants a budget allocating occupancy tax disbursements for fiscal year 2009-2010 — which begins July 1, 2009 — by February 1.

"It's likely we'll be meeting quite a lot until we get that done and then things will slack off a bit," said Drake.

A Highlands Area TDC continuation meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 8 a.m. at the Highlands Visitor Center.

— Kim Lewicki

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pervious and don't affect the built-upon percentage — in this case a 24% built-upon — but covered decks are impervious which adds to the built-upon area of a property.

The 24% built-upon for the .253 acre is 2,644.80 sq. ft., but due to previous actions by the owners, the property is already overbuilt. Cooley said a garage was added in December 2006 after the property was purchased, the concrete driveway was extended, walkways were put around the property and a fireplace was built on the existing deck.

"Just the addition of the garage kicked them over the 24% to 31%," said Cooley. "That was obviously an error in someone's calculation at some point. If they cover the deck they're up to 34%"

Regardless, Newman asked that the variance be granted subject to a mitigation

plan involving gutters off the deck roof which would channel water to a French drain built under the deck so the water would still drain exactly where it drains now from the uncovered deck.

Though board members were sympathetic, Chairman Bill Rethorst said protection from the sun can come from umbrellas, hats and sunscreen.

Member Allan Frederick said granting the variance would set a precedent and possibly require more guidelines and engineering concerning French drains and guttering when the purpose is to disregard the built-upon allowance.

Member David Rohr agreed saying granting the variance would "open up a can of worms." The request was unanimously denied.

— Kim Lewicki



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This almost new 2 bedroom 2 bath home is on a level lot close to town. Stone fireplace in den, nice kitchen with granite, split floor plan. Wet bar, covered porch, garage. This is a lot of house and very close to town. Offered at \$399,000. REDUCED TO \$365,000. mls #66557



This spacious 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath home would be great for two families or lots of grandkids with its 2 living areas and 5 bedrooms. Kitchen has granite countertops, lots of covered decks and a 3 car heated garage. Over an acre of level land close to town. Offered at \$649,000. REDUCED TO \$550,000. mls #66556



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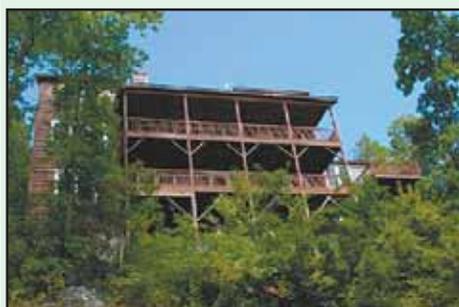
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Desirable Mirror Lake Location - Located only a short stroll to the lake is this totally renovated beauty in the classic Mirror Lake Charm. Wood floors, pine paneling, stone fireplace in living room and outdoor living room. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage. Nice usable property and a great location. \$749,500. mls #66518



Just Listed on Little Bear Pen Mountain in town! This house has been renovated from top to bottom and is priced to sell. 3/3 1/2 on one level. 2 car garage. Large great room plus large sunroom with a good view. New kitchen with granite and open to large dining room. Extra large master. Each bedroom has a private bath. Basement. Stone Fireplace. \$779,000. mls #66591



A unique Highlands home, located in Billy Cabin close to town, this wonderful country French home was custom built for a renowned Atlanta decorator. Surrounded by 4.24 acres with a great view of Satulah Mountain, two master suites, one on main level and one on upper level. Antique wood and French tile kitchen, living room ceilings and floors from old French railway cars, with French limestone mantel. Wonderful screened porch with a fireplace. Top-of-the-line appliances including Viking stove. Can be purchased fully furnished. Priced separately. \$1,495,000. MLS #66428



Flat Mountain Road Great Privacy with 3 acres, this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home was built by one of Highland's premiere builders, using quality materials and fine craftsmanship. Comfortable floor plan features living room with fireplace, master suite on the main level with 2 guest bedrooms upstairs. Automatic generator, possible additional homesite. \$835,000.



Cullasaja Club - Brand new and almost completed 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home features cathedral great room with wood floors, granite in the kitchen and tiled baths. 2 car garage. Great porch with outdoor fireplace. Membership is available upon Club approval upon payment of all fees. \$995,000.



Wonderful mountain retreat sitting at 4,600 ft. with a panoramic view from every room, overlooking beautiful Lake Sequoyah just minutes from downtown. Features include hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, state-of-the-art kitchen, two large decks with hot tub and a separate carriage house over a large, two-car garage. \$1,695,000. mls #66496

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Take a vacation!



Clayton Lopez
Worship/Associate Pastor
Community Bible Church

I think we all should take a vacation. Now I know what you're thinking: "we can't all just drop everything and go on a trip somewhere, you know, get away from it all." Well, the kind of vacation I mean is a news vacation . . .

No, I don't mean shutting ourselves off from the world; I mean just a vacation from the news media.

I don't want to hear anymore about the economic crisis or the war or the fuel shortages or any of a host of other headlines that come at us from the news media because I'm already anxious enough without having to hear someone's analysis of the crisis. I want a news vacation!

Here's why:

All news media companies will tell me that they are "accurate, quick, unbiased, breaking and relevant news that *I need now!*" But, these days I find myself needing hope and feel that most of what I'm getting is hype. Why?

Well, there's a rather esoteric principle we find in the world of science, in quantum physics, that enlightens us. It's called the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. "It states that locating a particle in a small region of space makes the momentum of the particle uncertain; and conversely, that measuring the momentum of a particle precisely makes the position uncertain." (*Heisenberg Principle* Wikipedia.com, accessed October 8, 2008)

Let me put it this way: suppose a reporter is on the beach reporting the passing of a hurricane. He is no longer simply just a reporter. That reporter is a victim. He's been affected by what he's observing, therefore changing the observation. Or say a news writer is reporting on a presidential debate, what is written is affected by the bias of the writer for each candidate and it's no longer "just the facts."

So I want to cut out the middle man. I want to get my news directly. But . . .

The problem is that it's a large and, at the same time, shrinking world. What happens across the country or across the world this morning affects me by lunch time. Which means that in order to get a good, honest read on things, I'd have to be across the country observing every foreclosed house or in the bank board rooms or on the oil fields or OPEC board rooms or in Iraq or Pakistan. But that would affect my wife, my kids and gainful employment. So where should I get my news? Well, maybe I should ask: where should I get my information? Who can you and I trust to tell us what is happening in the world?

Well, I'll tell you what that source would need to look

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 7

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School - 10 a.m., Worship - 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m.

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy
Communion each service

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Office - 526-2320

Sunday: Holy Communion - 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to
the ballfield in Highlands)

Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Corner of Spring and Third streets
Sundays: 11 a.m.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday - 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685

3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
6:30 p.m. High School Group

Wednesdays: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs
for all students; 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study

Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968

Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977

Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)

Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's

Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30
a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6
p.m.; Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun.School - 9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion &
Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers

Choir - 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy

526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.;

5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults

studies; 6:15 - Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell

2152 Dillard Road - 526-9741

Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Adult discussion
group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion - 10:30

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Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Choir - 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin

Thurs. Oct. 9: Yom Kippur at 10 a.m.

Thurs. Oct. 9: Yiskor at 4 p.m. followed by Break
the Fast

For information, call

828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor

Parish office, 526-2418

Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.

Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

(through last Saturday of October)

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

828-369-3633

Lay Led Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

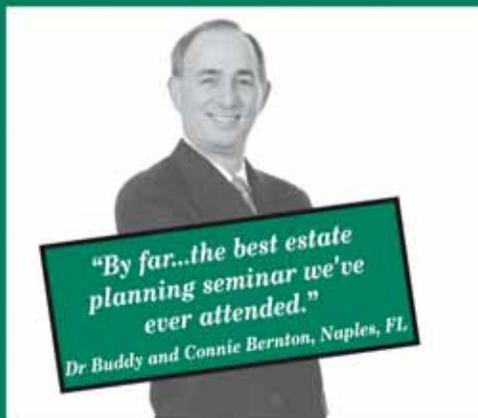
Free Dinner Seminars in Asheville and Highlands

at Asheville's Grove Park Inn Monday, October 20 and
Highlands Old Edwards Inn, Spa, Tuesday, October 21

Seminars are from 4 to 6pm with dinner to follow

This seminar is appropriate for couples age 70 and over with a minimum \$2 million net worth

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Dates and Locations

Asheville	Highlands
Grove Park Inn	Old Edwards Inn, Spa
Monday, Oct. 20th	Tuesday, Oct. 21st

Seminars times are 4-6pm, Dinner to follow

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**\$500 fee for professionals attending

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going Events

• Four churches prepare to "Walk to Bethlehem." The Macon County Public Health Center is continuing a successful faith-based wellness program. Four local churches, with assistance from the Health Promotions Program at the public health center, are embarking on a virtual journey from Franklin to Bethlehem as a part of the "Walk to Bethlehem" program. The four participating churches include First United Methodist Church, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Prentiss Church of God, and Watauga Baptist Church. The Walk to Bethlehem program encourages church members to be more physically active and make healthier food choices. According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone needs at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days to stay healthy. As a part of the Walk to Bethlehem program, the public health center provided a pre-event health screening to the churches.

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a

drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203, www.cullasajaag.org.

• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for \$2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

• Yoga at the Rec Park, 7:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesdays. Call 526-4340 for information.

• Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

• See EVENTS page 30

Annual Highlands Craft Show Oct. 11



The annual Highlands' Woman's Club Craft Show, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center, will feature hand-crafted items, baked goods, jewelry, textiles, stained glass, pottery, wood bowls, photography, artwork and scores of other items. Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch available by Fressers Eatery.

English Novelist Philippa Gregory Comes to Highlands; several events planned

Philippa Gregory, author of the New York Times bestseller "The Other Boleyn Girl," and other page turners set in Tudor England, will be in Highlands on Oct. 10 and 11 — her only stop in the southeast on her 10-city U.S. tour promoting her new novel about Mary, Queen of Scots, "The Other Queen." Sponsored by Cyrano's Bookshop, Ms. Gregory's stay will include a Friday evening screening of the film based on her novel about sisters Mary and Anne Boleyn, "The Other Boleyn Girl," and an author lunch on Saturday, as well as a book signing at Cyrano's later that afternoon.

As anybody who's read one of Gregory's works of historical fiction will attest, the books are addictive. Whether it's one of the tales of Henry VIII's court or those of his children Queens Mary and Elizabeth ("The Queen's Fool," "The Virgin's Lover"); or the books about Charles I's team of father-&-son royal gardeners and world travelers the Tradescants ("Earthly Joys," "Virgin Earth"); or Gregory's "Wideacre" trilogy set in an 18th-century English country house, the author's combination of fast-paced plot, in-depth historical research and beautiful writing captures you from the first few pages.

Gregory's brand-new novel, "The Other Queen," recounts the final years of the doomed Mary of Scotland, when she was a prisoner of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I of England. Mary's jailors at Fotheringhay Castle were the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury. The Earl fell in love with his prisoner, causing his wife Bess — the countess — to leave him, before he was himself relieved of his duties prior to Mary's execution. Bess Shrewsbury — a close friend of Queen Elizabeth, and as forceful and liberated as her monarch — became famous as the creator of the magnificent country house Hardwick Hall, the Tudor equivalent of Philip

Johnson's glass house: "Hardwick Hall, more glass than wall."

Cyrano's kicks off its two-day celebration of all things Tudor on Friday evening, Oct. 10, with a 7:30 p.m. screening of "The Other Boleyn Girl," at the Performing Arts Center. Before the movie there will be champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres with Philippa Gregory starting at 6:30 p.m.; dessert and coffee will be served after the movie,

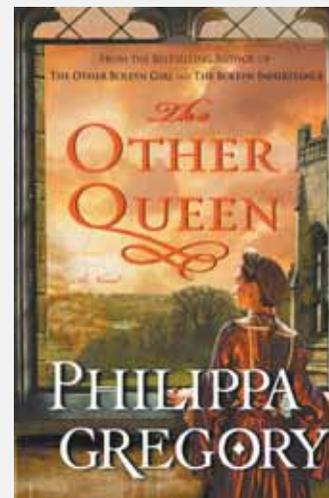
and audience members can buy books and have them autographed by the author. On display during the evening will be some of the actual costumes made for the film, as well as those created for the book covers. These lush outfits worn by Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson, Kristin Scott Thomas and other actors are authentic copies of the lush, 16th-century dress worn at court. Cyrano's employees and others will also be attired in period clothing and there will be jesters and swordsmen performing live. For one evening PAC will be Nonesuch Palace, Hampton Court and Hever Castle all rolled into one. Tickets for Friday are \$75 per person.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, Ms. Gregory will preside at lunch given in her honor at Highlands Falls Country Club, starting at noon. There will be a fabulous menu featuring an incredible dessert, and Gregory — a great, engaging public speaker — will

discuss her life and work. Born in Kenya, Gregory moved to England with family, and became a newspaper reporter and producer for the BBC. After lunch Gregory will autograph copies of her books. The price for the luncheon is \$45; one can buy tickets to attend both the Friday film screening and the Saturday lunch for \$100. Finally, later on Saturday afternoon, Ms. Gregory will be at Cyrano's Bookshop for one hour only, from 2:30 to 3:30 to autograph for customers. For more info, call 828-526-5488.



Philippa Gregory



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Mondays & Wednesdays

- Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.
- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts,

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Mon – Thurs: (4:20), 7:10

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Mon – Thurs: (4:15), 7:15

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Friday: 9:20
Sat & Sun: (2:10), 9:20

sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

• Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

• Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Every Third Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

Friday & Saturday

Star Gazing in Highlands Thursday, Oct. 9

Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for an evening under the stars. On Thursday, WCU Professor of Astronomy, Dr. Paul Heckert will bring his telescope and lifetime of experience to Highlands. Dr. Heckert has taught at Western Carolina University for almost 20 years. Prior to coming to Western, he taught at California State University at San Bernardino and at Doane College in Nebraska. Heckert earned his PhD in physics from the University of New Mexico and his BA in physics and math from Frostburg College in Maryland. He does observational astronomy in the area of variable stars and regularly travels to Mount Laguna Observatory of San Diego for his research.

His work has led to approximately 60 published research articles in journals such as *Astronomical Journal*, *Astronomy and Astrophysics*, *Astrophysical Journal*, and *The Information Bulletin on Variable Stars*.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to study the cosmos right here in the heart of Highlands. Refreshments will be provided. This is a free event for HCLT members and just a \$25 donation per family for non-members. The mission of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust is to preserve the natural areas, scenic beauty, and green spaces of Highlands and Cashiers for the enjoyment and benefit of the public. Call 526.1111 for details. Space is limited.

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

• Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Through Nov. 22

• The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences presents Celebrate Clay, a pottery show featuring Western North Carolina Potters. The show features mostly functional and some just plain fun pieces.

Celebrate Clay opened in late September and runs through November 22. The Hambidge Center's Weave Shed Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Clay includes work from artists like Stanley Andersen, Maria Andrade Troya, Anita Blackwell, Pamela Brewer, Kyle Carpenter, Josh Copus, Terry Gess, Barry Gregg, Matt Jacobs, Courtney Martin, Mickey Shane, David Ross, Michael Rutkowski, Ken Sedberry, Joy Tanner and Mark Tomczak. Woodturner Steve Rountree is also included in the show. Hambidge is located at 105 Hambidge Court, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. The mailing address is PO Box 399, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. Hambidge can be reached at 706-

'2008 Juried Art' opens Saturday at The Bascom

This Saturday night, The Bascom will premier its latest exhibition featuring works from artists throughout the southeast: "2008 Juried Art."

Judged by acclaimed Atlanta gallery owner Fay Gold, the exhibition showcases a variety of media selected from hundreds of entries.

Five thousand dollars in cash prizes will be awarded to winners at Gold's discretion: \$1,200 to the Best of Show winner, \$950 to First Place, \$700 to Second Place, \$500 to Third Place, \$400 to Fourth Place and \$250 each to the five Honorable Mention winners. The winners will be announced Saturday night, Oct. 11, at The

Bascom's free public opening reception, set for 5-7 p.m. at the gallery, inside the Hudson Library.

The exhibition will continue through Nov. 13 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

"Every year, we are astounded at the talent this exhibition attracts, and this year is no different," said Kaye Gorecki, The Bascom's artistic director. "You are in for an amazing exhibition of some of the southeast's finest visual artists."

For more information about the exhibition, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Bikers to ride for 'Shop with a Cop'

The Smoky Mountain Chapter of the Enforcers Motorcycle Club has recently adopted the Macon County Sheriff's Office "Shop with a Cop" program as a yearly fundraiser.

This year their fundraiser ride is on Saturday, Oct. 25 with all proceeds going toward the "Shop with a Cop" program.

As the Program moves forward through the years, the Sheriff's Office helps out more families. Sheriff Robert Holland implemented the program in the year 1998, after seeing a story on TV for a "Shop with a Cop" Program in New York City.

After seeing the story, Sheriff Robert Holland then decided that he wanted to start a similar program here in Macon County. In 2007, the Sheriff's office brought Christmas to 140+ kids. Each year it becomes harder to raise funds to provide Christmas for these kids. Sheriff Robert Holland stated that this program is 100% community funded and that no money comes from the county to support this program.

The first year that Sheriff Holland started the program they provided Christmas to a family that was involved in a violent crime, it was Christmas and their

mother went to prison. If it wasn't for the Program that year, the kids would not have had any presents to open up on Christmas morning. Every year the "Shop with a Cop" program gets bigger and it becomes more difficult to raise money because no child is turned away. As our county grows so do the needs. The Enforcers MC has challenged themselves to raise as much money as needed to continue support of this worthy program.

Enforcers Motorcycle Club consists of, but is not limited to, members of current and retired Law Enforcement Officers / Armed Forces Personnel and Public Safety, in addition to some good friends who complete the "Family" of our club. The Enforcers Motorcycle Club promotes an enjoyable, friendly atmosphere, and the opportunity to meet and ride with those who love to ride motorcycles.

Members try to attend as many MC functions as possible to show our support and meet people. They have many events and fundraisers with the proceeds going to charity. Throughout their travels, they always take time to support those who support them.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

'Love Letters' at Instant Theater on Oct. 11



Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox performing A.R. Gurney's Love Letters.

Photo credit: Ruben Cox

Celebrity critic, columnist, journalist, author and lecturer Rex Reed and local actress Collin Wilcox, best known for her film performance as Mayella Violet Ewell in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, will perform A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters*, one evening only, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Mr. Reed and Ms. Wilcox have been close friends since they met in New York in the 1960s when Mr. Reed interviewed Ms. Wilcox. They have appeared twice in *Love Letters* in Highlands, their last appearance in the performance piece was with the ITC on Oct. 11, 2003.

Love Letters, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, is a unique and imaginative theatre piece. The play centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepiece Ladd III, and is comprised of letters over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but

continued to share confidences. The letters make it clear how much they really meant, and gave to each other, over the years—physically apart often, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can be. As the actors read the letters aloud, what is created is an evocative, touching, frequently very funny but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written down. *Love Letters* is being presented as a benefit for the Instant Theatre Company. Following the performance piece a champagne reception will be held to honor Mr. Reed. For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Limited Seating. The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands, NC. Visit the ITC website at www.instanttheatre.org.

746-5718 or visited online at www.hambidge.org.

Through Nov. 12

• The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Permanent Collection at the Green.

Thursday, Oct. 9

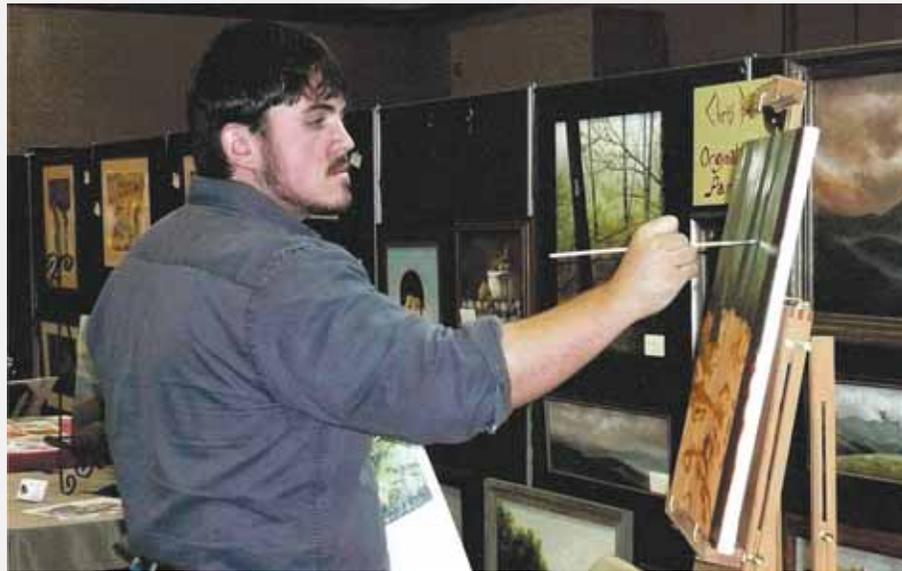
• Macon County Commissioner candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at 12:15 at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. In the November 4 election, Robert (Bobby) Koppers (Democrat) and James (Jimmy) Goodman (Republican) will compete for the County Commission District III seat. Incumbent James Davis is unopposed

for the District II seat. Also participating in the forum will be candidates for the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Calvin Conley and Dennis Desmond. The public is invited to come and meet the candidates and hear them speak on the key issues in the positions they seek. Lunch will be available at noon, by reservation. Call 524-8369. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m.

• Candidate forum at the Franklin High School Fine Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Candidates will be those running for the school board and the county commission. The forum is sponsored by the Macon County Association of Educators. Refreshments will be served.

• John Mac Kah will give a lecture, "View of Winter: On the Plateau," at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands. Cost is \$10. For information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.

'Fall Colors' show at Rec Park, Oct. 18-19



The Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors" Fine Art Show is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18-19 from 10-5 each day at the Highlands Recreation Center. The show will feature more than 55 artists. The Children's Art Room is a fun experience for all the young people attending the show. Under supervision of Art League members, children make their own special works of art that they may take home with them. There will be more than \$1,000 in gift certificates given away during the 2-day event. Admission is free.

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 10-11

• The "Don't Count Your Chickens" folk art show at the Highlands Community Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Friday, Oct. 10

• Cyrano's celebrates "All Things Tudor" with author Philippa Gregory at the Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Before a screening of "The Other Boleyn Girl," with champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres with the author with dessert and coffee served after the movie. The outfits worn by the actors in the film will be on display. Tickets are \$75. Call 526-5488 for reservations.

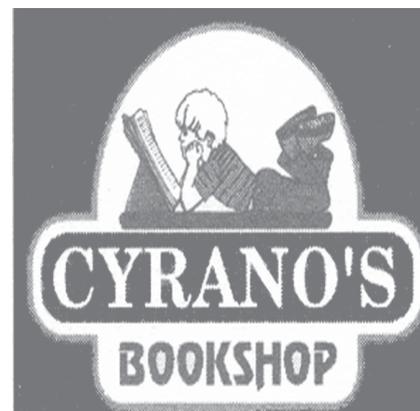
• Red Cross Blood Drive at South Macon Elementary School at Addington Bridge Road; Franklin, NC) from 1-6 p.m. Please call Sandy Keener at 524-9492 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

• MAIN Foundation, an Anti-Teen Violence & Drug Abuse Prevention not for profit organization, is hosting live pro-wrestling on Friday at 7:30 pm at the Macon County Community Center, Georgia Road, Franklin NC. Wrestling Stars are to include Diva Amber O'Neal, Adam Gilbert, Simon Street, Kristopher Kensington Helmsley, 1/2 of the Alabama Chain Gang, First Seargent, Truit Fields plus many others. Card is subject to change. Advance tickets are available at Big Mama's Pizza for \$8 or you can get them at the door for \$10. Kids under 5 are free. Concession stand will be available by Teens In Action, Macon County's local substance abuse prevention youth group. For more info: www.c-proentertainment.com or call Bobby at 731-589-2995.

Sat.-Thurs., Oct. 11-Nov. 13

• "2008 Juried Art" exhibition at The Bascom featuring art from all over the Southeast. Free opening

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Upcoming Book Signings

October 11

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Philippa Gregory
"The Other Queen"

October 11

2 to 4 pm

Kevin Adams

North Carolina: Now and Then

October 19

4 to 6 pm

Ron Nash

"Serena"

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reception Oct. 11 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, Oct. 11

- At Highlands Falls Country Club, a luncheon with the author Philippa Gregory at noon. Included is luncheon, dessert during which the author will be on hand to autograph copies of her book. Tickets are \$100. To make reservations call 526-5488.

- At Cyrano's, author Philippa Gregory will sign copies of her newest book "The Other Queen," as well as copies of her other books from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Kevin Adams will sign copies of "North Carolina: Now and Then" from 2-4 p.m. • At the Instant Theater, Love Letters, by A.R. Gurney, 8 P.M. This performance piece, costarring Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox, is being held as a benefit for The Instant Theatre Company. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

- Annual Highlands Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch catered by Fressers Eatery.

- Macon County on Saturday Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. Dr. Patterson will vaccinate at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 pm and at the Scaly Mtn. Post Office from 3-4 pm. Call 349-2081 for a recorded schedule of other sites.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate six-mile hike in Panthertown Valley, including Black

Mountain, Warden's Falls, Granny Burrell's Falls, Homeplace, and Saltrock Gap. Fall leaves should be colorful, but due to the recent drought, waterfalls will have a light flow. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30, or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:50. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- At the Instant Theater, Rex Reed will appear with local stage, film and TV actress Collin Wilcox in A.R. Gurney's performance piece, Love Letters at 8 p.m. Following the performance piece a champagne reception will be held to honor Rex Reed. Tickets to benefit the Instant Theatre Company are \$35. For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak square, Main Street, Highlands. Visit our website at www.instanttheatre.org.

- Join herbalist Patricia Kyritsi Howell for "Meet Your Neighbors: Common Medicinal Plants of the North Georgia Mountains." This talk about local plants and their uses shows you how to use wild healing herbs safely and effectively. Cost: \$25. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center on Warwoman, Clayton, Georgia. For more information, info@wildhealingherbs.com or 706-746-5485.

- "Canvas" a full length, widely acclaimed film about a family's struggle with mental illness will be shown at the Macon County Library on Saturday at 1:30. Following the viewing, refreshments will be served and a discussion panel will be available. This program is sponsored by NAMI Appalachian South

Artist John Mac Kah to lecture in Highlands Oct. 9

This Thursday night, Oct. 9, The Bascom welcomes landscape painter John Mac Kah to Highlands for a lecture, "Views of Winter: On the Plateau."

The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Mac Kah will talk about his experience painting the winter and early spring landscape of Highlands during his time as The Bascom's artist-in-residence. Cost is \$10.

Mac Kah holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ringling School of Art & Design. He is on the faculty of the Fine Arts League of the Carolinas and teaches all over the region. He has been a freelance artist and has had a private studio since 1984. He is represented by 16 Patton Gallery, Asheville.

"Don't miss this exciting glimpse into the work of one of the regions' best landscape painters," said Kaye Gorecki, The Bascom's artistic director. "He is truly engaged with the beauty of the outdoors."

No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.



John Mac Kah with one of his paintings, "View from Grant Mountain: Lake Lure." The Bascom will present a lecture by Mac Kah at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

Madeleine Bains Davis in Second Lady at The Studio on Main

Madeleine Bains Davis stars in the last show of the Instant Theatre Company's 2008 season, *Second Lady*, by M. Kilburg Reedy, directed by David Milford. Ms. Bains Davis is well known to Highlands audiences who have been enthralled by her performances for many years.

During the last three years she has appeared at the Instant Theatre Company in *The Turn of the Screw*, *Sylvia*, *Little Entertainments*, *Cocktail Hour Theatre*, *Carpe Noctum Theatre*, *ITC LIVE!*, *My Secret Weapon*, *Diaries of Adam and Eve*, *The Ice-Breaker* and *The Return of Herbert Bracewell*. This past August she made her directorial debut with the very popular *Clarence Darrow*, starring David Milford. She holds an M.F.A. in Theatre from the University of Alabama and is the ITC's incoming Artistic Director.

Second Lady is a very appropriate choice for this October, as the play takes place in October during an election year. Ms. Bains Davis plays Mrs. Joseph Erskine whose husband is running for Vice



Madeleine Bains Davis

President. While standing in for her husband at a speaking engagement she finds she has mislaid her prepared notes and must draw on her experiences and recollections. This remarkable play has been applauded in theatres nationally and internationally. The *Hollywood Reporter* called it, "A searing and soaring experience."

Second Lady plays October 17-18, 24-25 at 8 p.m. in the ITC's Studio on Main located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands, NC. For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197.

(National Alliance on Mental Illness) with support from a grant from the Macon County Community Foundation as a public event to mark Mental Illness Awareness Week. The film is rated PG-13. NAMI Appalachian South has a support group for people with a mental illness and their families. The meetings are on the first and third Thursdays at 7p.m. at The Children's Home for Family Restoration, 827 Wiley Brown Rd., Franklin. More information: Ann Nandrea 369-7385

Sat, Mon, & Wed., Oct. 13, 15, 17

- Artist Margie Shambaugh will teach "Porcelain Painting" for The Bascom on Oct. 13, 15, and 17 for beginning to advanced students. Learn a step-by-step process for classic porcelain floral painting (china painting). Using the loaded brush system, participants will be guided through a three-day process of painting and firing with exquisite show-stopping results. Cost is \$130 (\$117 Bascom members). For information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Monday, Oct. 13

- "Making Apple Butter" 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Workshops cost \$5 each and participants get to take home a jar of apple butter and apple jelly. Pay the day of the workshop. Must call to reserve a spot. Space is limited. 349-2046.

- Macon County flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 8 am - 5 pm Franklin: Community Facilities Building on 441 South. Appointments are not needed and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and a nurse will take vaccine to their vehicle. For more information call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081. The cost for the vaccine is \$25. The health center will

bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, BCBS, Crescent, and Tricare; but you must bring your card. Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women will be available at the Macon County Public Health Center at a later date. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and children 5-18 years old who are high risk or do not have insurance or visit its website at www.maconnc.org/healthdept.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

- "Making Apple Jelly" 1-4 p.m. Workshops cost \$5 each and participants get to take home a jar of apple jelly. Pay the day of the workshop. Must call to reserve a spot. Space is limited. 349-2046.

- Work from Home with Inc. 500 Seminar. 23-yr old Wellness Company. PT or FT income. No selling, no inventory, no delivering, no large investments. Learn the details from top Exec. in company at free seminar at 7 p.m., Sapphire NC. NO PRESSURE. Join a fun, green business & start making \$\$\$. Reserve your seat 828-226-9727.

Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 15-19

- Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices at the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Cashiers Library, 10 a. m. to 4 p.m. each day. Proceeds of the sale will be used by the Friends of the Library to purchase books, periodicals, and supplies needed by the library, but not in the library's budget. Jackson County pays only personnel costs of the library. The Friends contribute money to cover all other needs of the library, according to FOL president Sandy Bayley. The Friends of the Library is a group of about 300 members who support the library through service and donations.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

- A Mountain Top Charity Classic Golf Tournament

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at MountainTop Golf & Lake Club between Highlands and Cashiers. Registration is at 10 a.m. \$500 per player. Shotgun start. Lunch will be provided during play. Only 120 players. Entry deadline is Sept. 29. Dinner bash is 5:30-10 p.m. and \$150 per person. RSVP Member Services at 743-4707. All proceeds will benefit The Crossnore School in Crossnore, NC, R.E.A.C.H. in Franklin and Discovery Land Company Foundation.

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 16-19

• An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Tickets for "A Thousand Clowns" go on sale for

the public beginning Saturday, Oct. 11. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.

Thursday, Oct. 16

• "To Catch a Thief" (1955) features Cary Grant as a reformed jewel thief who is suspected of returning to his former occupation. In order to prove his innocence, he must find the real thief. He is aided by an American heiress played by Grace Kelly. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

HCP's 'A Thousand Clowns' on Oct. 16



It's usually the actors and the director who get most of the attention in the production of a play, but in the case of the HCP's current play, "A Thousand Clowns," credit should definitely be given to the prop providers. There are some 220 items on the Property List in the play book, but if anyone's up to the job of obtaining them, it's veteran prop persons, Sue and Jim Schulte. This pair has, through the years, gathered or created numerous props for the Highlands Cashiers Players. Jim and Sue remember that HCP's 2003 production of "You Can't Take It With You," was a particularly prop heavy play.

Among a plethora of set pieces and props was an aquarium filled with real-looking snakes, a simulation of exploding fireworks, and an operating antique printing press that Jim constructed using an old typewriter and parts of a circular saw. For "Steel Magnolias" Jim and Sue rigged a beauty salon basin with running water where the actors' hair was actually washed during every performance. And these noteworthy achievements only begin to illustrate the creativity of the

Schultes.

When you attend "A Thousand Clowns," one of the props to look for is "Bubbles," a Hawaiian doll attired in traditional grass skirt and halter top that, thanks to the Schutes, lights up as required by the script. To give an idea of the variety of the other 220 props required, here's a small sampling: a megaphone, a woman's head, two gold clocks, a wooden eagle, a white plastic radio, a Philco wooden radio, one large African mask, one pair of large painted wooden eyes, an accordion lamp, two ukuleles, small brass dog, bowl of mashed potatoes with spoon, baseball bat, ash trays, magazines, books, more radios, more clocks, etc., etc., etc.! "A Thousand Clowns," sponsored in part by The Highlander newspaper, runs October 16 through Sunday, the 26th.

Tickets may be reserved by calling, 526-8084, or stopping by the HCP box office, 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays before the 2:30 p.m. matinees.

• Democrat rally at the Cashiers Community Center from 5:30-7:30. Most candidates or their representatives are expected to attend. There will be music, a silent auction and a hot-dog, chili cook-off. For more information, call 742-2558.

• Western Carolina University will offer a SAT preparation workshop from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday in Room 137 of the Cordelia Camp Building. Students will learn study strategies specifically for the SAT. Equal time will be devoted to both mathematics and verbal skills. Instructors for the workshop will be Terri Caron, head of the math department at Swain County High School, and Cassie Dickson, outreach counselor for WCU's Educational Talent Search. Registration is \$49. To register, contact the Division of Educational Outreach at (828) 227-3688 or visit the Web site <http://learn.wcu.edu>.

• The Macon County Democratic Party is sponsoring a chili supper with cornbread, slaw, and dessert on Thursday from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Big Bear Shelter (town bridge) on the Greenway. Featured guest will be Bobby Kuppers, candidate for county commissioner. You can eat there or take it home and the cost is \$10. Everyone is welcome!

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer specializes in pearls and precious stones and a Laruen Lachance Botanical Pressings Trunk Show Transforming a five hundred year old tradition of pressing plants into an arrestingly beautiful contemporary art form.

Fri-Sat., Oct. 17-18

• At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 P.M. A powerful one-woman show about a fictional political wife. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

Saturday, Oct. 18

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous six-mile hike on the Chattooga River Trail from the Whiteside Cove Chapel to the Iron Bridge, with river views, giant rock formations, big trees, and waterfalls along the way. Some scrambling over rocks is required. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Hikes are limited to 20; Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18-19

• The Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors" Fine Art Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Highlands Recreation Center just a few blocks from the main street of Highlands. The show will feature over 55 artists from throughout the southeast. There will be demonstrations and visitors to the show will be able to purchase fine quality art work directly from the artists. The Children's Art Room is a fun experience for all the young people attending the show. There will be over \$1,000 in gift certificates given away during the 2 day event. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring the entire family!

Sunday, Oct. 19

• A hymn-sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Choose from a hymn from the 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal. The song leader will be Stell Huie and Angie Jenkins will play the piano. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Come for an hour of singing and

Christian fellowship.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Nash will sign copies of "Serena" from 4-6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20

• Sandra Mackey will be speaking at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center on the presidential candidates positions on Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Israel.

• Macon County flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 8am - 5pm Franklin: Community Facilities Building, Highway 441 South. Appointments are not needed and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and a nurse will take vaccine to their vehicle. For more information call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081. The cost for the vaccine is \$25. The health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, BCBS, Crescent, and Tricare; but you must bring your card. Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women will be available at the Macon County Public Health Center at a later date. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and children 5-18 years old who are high risk or do not have insurance or visit its website at www.maconnc.org/healthdept.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

• Dr. Sue Aery will present a talk entitled "Blood Sugar and How it Affects Your Health" at the Hudson Library as part of the ongoing "Take Charge of Your Health" series. 6 p.m. Free. More info: 526-3031.

• AnMed Bloodmobile will be at First Citizens Bank from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Stuart Estate Planning Seminar from 4-6 p.m. at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa with dinner to follow. Call 1-800-807-5558 to reserve seats.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

• AnMed Bloodmobile will be at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9-11:30 a.m.

• AnMed Bloodmobile will be at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers from 1-5:30 p.m.

• Macon County flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 4 pm -6 pm Otto: Community Building, Highway 441 South. Appointments are not needed and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and a nurse will take vaccine to their vehicle. For more information call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081. The cost for the vaccine is \$25. The health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, BCBS, Crescent, and Tricare; but you must bring your card. Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women will be available at the Macon County Public Health Center at a later date. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and children 5-18 years old who are high risk or do not have insurance or visit its website at www.maconnc.org/healthdept.

Thursday, Oct. 23

• "Dial M for Murder" (1954), rated PG, is the story of an ex-tennis pro (Ray Milland) who carries out a plot to murder his wife (Grace Kelly) for her money. When things go wrong, he improvises a brilliant plan B. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

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MOVING. 5-yr-old Jack Russell Terrier looking for a loving home. Call 828-200-9842.

A MALE LAB MIX – Please call 526-9027.

LOST

YELLOW CAT – No tail. From Rocky Hill/Raoul Road area. "April Mae" If seen please call 526-0991

RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

DEVELOPER CLOSEOUT! – Unit at Freeman Center on N.C. 106 available for Rent/Own at \$1,995 monthly or for sale at \$379,900. That's a purchase price of only \$165 per sq. ft. Call 526-5296 or 828-421-3161.

UNIQUE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY on Main St Highlands. 800 sq ft retail/office space just in time for the season. Space includes bath & kitchen. Call for details 526-3363.

PRIME Office Space for Rent – 800 sq. ft., air-conditioned, heated, plenty of parking. Call 526-5673.

IN-TOWN COMMERCIAL SPACE WITH OPTIONAL LIVING SPACE FOR RENT. Charming and supremely convenient commercial building in high traffic district. One block off main, Walking distance to Main Street shopping at Old Edwards Inn. Loft apartment above commercial space. Commercial space \$1,700/month. Loft \$850/month. Call today to schedule a showing! 828-526-2769. Ask for Ralph.

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE - 800 - 3,000 Sq Ft. Located in Highlands Plaza. Entrances on Hwy. 28 & 106. Great Visibility. High Traffic. Abundant Parking. Reasonable Terms. Best location in town. Call 864-630-0808 for info.

RESIDENTIAL FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH CABIN – Laurel Falls. 2 minutes from hospital, 5 minutes from town. \$850 per month, plus utilities. Fully Furnished. Available Nov. 1. Call 787-2423. 10/16

1 BED, 1 BATH and small room with bunk beds on Lake Sequoyah. Furnished, two boats. \$1,000 a month including utilities except phone. Call Tony at 828-332-7830.

SAPPHIRE NC – 2 Story 3Bed/3 Bath, Yr round views, 2 decks, remodeled, Furnished, 2 car garage. Available yearly or seasonal. 561-626-9556

RIVER RUN II – studio Apartment, Large wrap around deck, completely remodeled, furnished or unfurnished sale or lease. 561-626-9556

3BD/2BA HOUSE IN SKY VALLEY GA. – Fireplace, nice view, huge decks, unfinished basement. \$825 month plus security deposit and utilities. Call Ann at Cabe Realty 828-526-2475.

AVAILABLE NOV 1 – 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo at Highlands Mtn. Club, next to Highlands Country Club. AC, gas logs, hwd floors, fully furnished. Deck & screened porch. In city limits. Amenities

include heated pool, road & entrance snow removal. \$950 per month. 828-200-0786

HIGHLANDS GARAGE APARTMENT- Cozy wood panelled Living room. 1/1, balcony, newly painted and carpeted. One person. Six month minimum, unfurnished or furnished. \$450/mo + utilities!! Call 404-892-2090 or 828 -526-4445. 9/25

TWO-STORY APARTMENT FOR RENT ON CHENEY LANE – (3 minutes from Highlands/Cashiers Hospital). One-year Lease Agreement. Recent Renovation. Fully Furnished. Available October 1, 2008. 2 bedrooms/2 baths. 3 extra large closet. Kitchen with dishwasher and new JennAire cookstove, many kitchen cabinets. Washer/dryer, dining area, living room, cable and telephone connection, native stone fireplace. \$1,000/month, includes water, sewer, electricity. Single Family. References Required. No Pets. No Smoking. Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489.

2 BED, 2 BA HOUSE – Carport, Storage, Garage. \$800 a month. In Scaly. Call 423-715-7757.

2 BED, 2 BA, COTTAGE – W/D, 2 miles from town off Cashiers Road. Garage/basement, covered deck. \$925 a month. Call 864-944-1175.

COTTAGE FOR RENT – 1 bed, 1 bath. In town. Chestnut cottages. Screened porch. heat, furnished. Weekly \$350 a week or \$1,200 a month. Call 526-4063. 10/2

ONE-BEDROOM – Furnished apartment with covered patio. Includes electric, water and cable. No pets and no smoking inside. \$650 per month plus deposit. Call 526-2561.

2 BR, 2BA HOUSE ON HWY 64 IN FRANKLIN. Heat/AC, easy access. Comfortable for 2 or makes a great office. \$700 per month, 1 mo security dep. Call Sandy at 369-6263.

FURNISHED 3BD/2BATH HOUSE IN MIRROR LAKE area available for 6-12 month lease \$1200+ utilities. Call 770-977-5692.

ATTRACTIVE 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH APARTMENT available for immediate occupancy. Desirable Main Street location features balcony, large kitchen with dishwasher, spacious laundry equipped with washer and dryer. Recently renovated. No smokers and no pets. Call John for details. 526-5587. References required.

WALK TO TOWN – from this 3/3 older home available all year round. Fuel oil heat, some electric. Furnished but negotiable. Small pets OK. \$1275 includes electric. Call 526-5558. 10/2

DAYLIGHT 1 BED/1 BATH BASEMENT APARTMENT FOR RENT – One-year Lease Agreement. Available Now. (3 minutes from Highlands/Cashiers Hospital). Recent Complete Renovation. Fully Furnished, kitchen, dining area, living room, washer/dryer, cable connection, fireplace, \$600 includes water, sewer, electricity, Single Family, References Required, No Pets, No Smoking, Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489.

TURTLE POND 2 bed/2 1/2 bath, hot tub; furnished; no smoking/pets 828-526-2759.

3BR, 2BA COTTAGE NEAR MIRROR LAKE – In town. \$1250 per month. Very clean. 770-977-5692.

1BED/1BATH 900 sq.ft. \$825/month includes utilities \$300 deposit. Unfurnished. Non-smoker preferred. Walking distance to town. (828)526-9494.

ON MIRROR LAKE – Charming 3 bed, 2

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bath. Huge sunroom, stone fireplace, 3 decks, canoe, furnished. Available Nov-May. \$1,500 a month plus utilities. Call 770-435-0678.

COTTAGE FOR RENT – 1BR, 1BA in town @ Chestnut Cottages. Private, screen porch, Heat/AC, FP, extra sleeping loft, furnished or unfurnished. 6 month lease - \$750. monthly plus utilities. Call 526-1684.

VACATION RENTAL

HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB – Sorry, golf and club privileges not available. \$2,495 a week. Call 912-230-7202.

THE LODGE ON MIRROR LAKE – Fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, No min. Call 828-342-2302.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

MOTORHOME, LOT and ADJOINING COACH HOUSE. Absolutely beautiful and shining 40 ft. PREVOST COACH "Liberty Lady" model by Liberty Coach. Garaged since new. 55,000 pampered (two owner) miles. Priced well below market. Gorgeous lot and coach house. Located/can be seen at the corner of Fifth St. and Chestnut St. in Downtown Highlands. Total package: MOTORHOME, LOT and ADJOINING COACH HOUSE 10/30

WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN! Adorable Park Model in Chestnut Park. 1 Bedroom, one bath with cathedral ceilings and loft. Full size kitchen appliances, stack washer & dryer. Central heat & air and electric fireplace. Screened porch and open deck. Adjacent lot available for expansion or motor coach. \$185,000 or \$270,000 with extra lot. Phone 526-2598.

1,600 SQ. FT. HANDICAPPED ACCESS HOUSE ON 2 ACRES. 3br/2 large bath w/roll under sinks; elevator, finished basement, w/unfinished workshop area, 2 car carport; new metal roof; native stone fireplace & landscaping; new hardwood floors, new Pella windows. Hi volume well & access to two springs and a fish pond. Bordered by USFS. & creek and Buck Creek Road.

\$329,000 Call 828-524-6038.

GOLF AND MTN VIEWS! — .81+/- acre lot in one of Highlands' best communities! Mountain views to the front and back of the lot and golf views to the back...the perfect place for your mountain home. Call now for more details and to request email photos; 1-800-526-1648 ext. 0998. Offered by Green Mountain Realty Group

A LOT THAT HAS IT ALL! — 2.9+/- acres with a stream, gentle topo (for an easy build) and possible mountain views! Call toll-free for more details: 1-800-526-1648 ext. 1318 This is the one you have been waiting for! Offered at; \$289,000 by Green Mountain Realty Group

MOTOR HOME SITE – Uptown Highlands. Upscale site and adjoining new cedar-shake cabin. HIDDEN CREEK. Corner of Fifth and Chestnut Sts. Pleasant stroll to shops and fine dining. Open for your inspection. Great site. Great investment. Pricing, pictures, all details: On-site, or call www.jtimms.com/hiddencreek 828-526-5333

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, PLUS OFFICE. In Town. \$249,000. Lease to own option for qualified. \$1,100 per month. Call 707-354-3011.

RV LOT FOR SALE – Lot 1 The Coach Club. Class A Resort. Downtown Highlands. 200 sq. ft. cedar coach house, landscaped, outdoor kitchen, gas fire pit, overlooking stream. Live the Highlands life. See Terryhallhomes.com click on RV lot. Call 828-787-1014 or 352-258-4187.

RV SITES FOR RENT OR LEASE IN-TOWN. Walk to Main Street. Call for details. (828)526-1684.

ITEMS FOR SALE

3-PIECE BEDROOM SET – Oak veneer. one dresser, one desk, one chest. \$300. Call 526-5772.

LGB TRAIN SET – Like new. Still in original boxes. Engine smokes, 8 cars. Box car has sound, caboose & passenger car has lights. 23 sections of tracks, bridge & tunnel. Original cost \$1,100. First offer of \$650 gets it. Call 743-5256.

NEW BAUM BROTHERS CHINA. Service for 8- with serving pieces-white with gold trim. In original box \$150. for set. Call 526-3251

STONE AVAILABLE – Assorted. 14 pallets. \$200 per pallet. Call 526-9532

MARTIN-C-1740 UNVENTED GAS HEATER – with oxygen depleting sensing system. BTU 40,000. H. 14 24 3/4 W. 25" D. 13". Fan blower-model B35. \$125. Call 526-5640.

WANTIQUE WICKER BABY CARRIAGE for sale \$100. Call 369-5863.

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK FOR SALE. Key wound. \$100. Call 369-5863.

AVON CAPE COD RED GLASS – 8 piece place setting. 64 pieces. \$385. Also, accessory pieces available. Call 828-524-3614.

SET OF 4 ORIGINAL RIMS/TIRES FROM TOYOTA SOLARA – 16" x 6 1/2" with mounted Bridgestone Potenza tires 215-60-R16 M&S. \$500. Call Wolfgang at 526-8396 or 526-4603, evenings.

ANTIQUA WALNUT DINING TABLE with two 10 1/2 inch leaves, \$250; six oak pressed back chairs. Very good condition. \$300. Whirlpool upright freezer, \$100; 80,000 BTU propane central heat unit, \$100 and 60-gallon propane hot water heater, \$75. Call 526-0036 or 421-1159.

DESK (LARGE) WITH MATCHING CREDENZA, oak, leather chair. \$850. Call 743-6869.
2 ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. 1 Pine, \$75 - can hold 27" TV, 1 dark wood \$50. Call 369-5863.

CHAIR AND OTTOMAN – oversized brown leather – excellent condition \$500 for both - 828-526-3746

4 BOARD PINE DINING TABLE - \$300. Early American New England spinning wheel - \$225. 526-2671

BOWFLEX EXTREME 2 SE home gym. New. Used 2 weeks and now it collects dust. \$1,500 obo. 706-212-7341

OAK 6-FT. DINING TABLE with extra 2-ft leaf insert and 6 dining chairs - \$400. Call 526-2767 or 526-0096.

GOLF CLUBS CLASSIC – SET OF MacGregor Tourney 9 irons (2-9 P.W.) 1980. Persimmon Drivers, new. \$50. Used \$25. Also miscellaneous items cheap. Call 706-746-3046. (Sky Valley).

DOUBLE UPHOLSTERED HEAD BOARD with 4 matching valences. \$35 for all. Blue and yellow plaid. Call 526-3251.

STEEL PALLET RACK FOR SALE – Approximately 50 ft. of 42" high x 42" deep x 8" wide steel pallet rack, includes frames and rails; 3,000 lb. capacity. Perfect for home or industrial applications - including work benches; \$450. (828) 787-1035.

MR. HEATER – 75,000 BTU. Forced Air Heater. Like New. \$110. Call 526-3206.

TABLE SAW – 9" with 4" Joiner. All one stand. \$75. Call 526-3206.

PFALTZGRAFF "HEIRLOOM" DISHES. Complete service for 8 plus numerous serving pieces, extras and accessories. Too much to list. \$300 Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

JESSICA MCCLINTOCK VICTORIAN STYLE WEDDING DRESS. Very unique. Size 11/12. \$200. Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

MAN'S FORMAL (MID-LENGTH) WESTERN STYLE BLACK COAT. Size 46. Worn once. Bought at Stages West in Pigeon Forge. \$150. Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

KODAK 8 inch EASYSHARE DIGITAL PICTURE FRAME with remote. New - in box. \$95. 526-2713

8 SOLID OAK, LADDERBACK dining room chairs with woven seats. \$800 for set. Call 526-3048.

UNUSUAL OLD OAK ROCKER. \$225. Call 526-3647.

1930S CHILD'S WICKER ROCKING CHAIR. \$175. Call 526-3647.

1930S WICKER DOLL CARRIAGE. \$200. Call 526-3647.

OLD OAK MIRROR TOWEL RACK. \$85. Call 526-3647.

TWO LOW-BACK SOUTHWESTERN-LOOKING UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS. \$400. Call 526-5056.

RED WICKER CHAISE LOUNGE WITH PAD. \$250. Call 526-5056.

5-PC BEDROOM SET C.1920 Bed/Chest of Drawers/Vanity-style Dresser/Stool/Mirror. Rosewood inlay. Original brass hardware. Good condi-

tion. \$995. 828-200-1160 or highlandnative@yahoo.com

CRAFTSMAN 10" RADIAL ARM SAW WITH STAND. Old but used very little. Excellent working condition. \$150. 828/787-2177.

9X15 KARASTAN RUG – Kirman design. Approximately 60 years old. Excellent condition. Call 526-5451.

6-FT. SLIDING GLASS DOOR SET – aluminum with screen. \$100 OBO. Call 349-4930.

SONY PSP HANDHELD GAME SYSTEM. 1 year old. Used very little. Comes in original box with manual. Excellent condition. \$165. 526-9107.

HEWLETT PACKARD 15" CRT MONITOR in good working condition with all connection cord included. "FREE." Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

COLONIAL GLASS – set of 12 Sherbet Goblets, and dessert plates. \$35. Call 526-4063.

MURRAY RIDING LAWN MOWER – 12.5 HP, 40" cut. Bought new. Garage Kept. Excellent Condition. \$400. Call 526-2607.

TANZANITE LOOSE STONES: I have for sale 10 gorgeous oval cut 1-carat Tanzanite stones which would make beautiful earrings, bracelet, necklace, or a cluster ring. These stones are AAA+++ quality grade. Each stone is priced at \$400 each or discounted for a multiple stone purchase. Call 828-488-2193 and ask for Randy.

WATER PURIFYING CHLORINATOR PUMP with large heavy duty plastic holding tank. Was \$75. Now \$50. Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

PLASTIC OUTDOOR TABLE: Hunter green 36"x36" in like new condition. \$10. Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

DECK CHAIR WITH MATCHING FOOT RESTS – \$20. Call 526-5367.

DRESSING MIRROR – \$5. Call 526-5367.

STEEL TYPEWRITER TABLE – \$5. Call 526-5367.

TWO TWIN CREAM COLORED BEDSPREADS – \$6 each. Call 526-5367.

3-TIERED GLASS CORNER SHELF \$10. Call 526-5367.

TWO ELECTRIC WATER COOLERS for sale. Approximately 38" tall x 12" square. Put bottled water on top. \$50 each. OBO. Call 526-3262

7 JIM SHORE LAMPS BY ENESCO For sale. Call 828-787-1292. Prices range from \$70-\$125.

FREE BRICK FRONT FOR BUILT-IN FIREPLACE. W-68", H-52" Call: 828-349-3320

ETHAN ALLEN HEIRLOOM CROWN GLASS CHINA CABINET with a bottom 3-door buffet. Call 828-526-4077. \$995

LENOX SPICE JARS, full set mint condition, original price \$45 each. Also jewelry call 369-0498. 7-9 p.m.

GEISHA GIRL NIPPON TEAPOT, rattan bails handle circa 1891-1921, Creamer/Covered Sugar Set, Tea set/ rice bowls 369-0498 7-9 p.m.

LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES – Variety shrubs, trees, rail road ties, stone and mulch varieties, pine straw and soil additives. Call 828-526-2251.

ANTIQUA FURNITURE: Medallion Back Sofa, Louis XV substyle. \$300. Matching Lady's and Gentleman's Chairs, \$400 set. Rocking Chair, Lincoln Type, upholstered. \$175. Sold separately or all for \$750. Call Sandy at 369-6263.

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Excavator For SALE 2004 Kubota-KX161-3R



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ER, new, \$250; blue stripe club chair w/ottoman, like new, \$175; large pine armoire, like new, \$200; Simms X-large waders w/attached boots, bought at Highland Hiker, used 3 times, \$250. Call Beatrice or Dennis at 743-5600.

JEEP RIMS – 17-inch aluminum factory rims off 2005 Jeep Liberty 4x4. Brand new! Complete set of 4 \$800. Valued at \$265 each. Call 706-982-2254.

THREE "HOUSE OF DENMARK" BOOK-CASES – walnut, 3' x 6', containing TV, tape player, turn table, radio/CD. Sold as an entertainment unit including 2 Advent speakers. \$550. Call 526-9273.

MISC. ITEMS – Various proof coin sets, old 78 LP, Old Walt Disney movies (never opened); Girls' bicycle; Collectible Basketball Cards (never opened). Call 526-9123.

MASSEY FERGUSON DIESEL DELUXE 35 WITH POWER STEERING. Completely rebuilt, repainted, new tires. Includes scrape blade, and an 8,000 lbs. tandem axle trailer. Sharp Package! \$6,000. Call (828)526-1684 and leave message.

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VEHICLES FOR SALE

1997 FORDE F250 CREW CAB – 4WD. 75,000 original miles. 460 8 CY, 5 SP, Short WB, Black, one owner. 35" tires. 3" lift. \$12,500. Call 526-3824.

1984 JEEP CJ7 – Rebuilt 304. 10,000 miles. 8 CY, 4 SP, 4WD, Front Bush Guard. 35" tires. 6" lift. Headers. Good condition. \$12,000. Call 526-3824.

02 DUTCHEN 27' LITE TRAVEL TRAILER. – Slidout. Queen MBR, sleeps 6. \$14,000. Call 526-3824.

18' TRAILER FOR TRACTOR – Dual Tires. \$1,000. Call 526-3824.

2001 VOLKSWAGON CABRIO CONVERTIBLE – Leather interior. Power top/windows, seat warmers, 5 speed. 42,000 miles. 35 mpg. Sharp. \$8,600. Call 526-2848.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 for all Federal, State, Judicial, Legislative and County Offices. The Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. To vote in this election you must be a registered voter of Macon County.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Citizens that wish to vote in the 2008 General Election must be registered to vote by Friday, October 10, 2008. (G.S. 163-82.6(c). Voters of Macon County who need to update, or make any changes to their information must also do this by the same date. This does include name changes, party affiliations changes, or address changes. Registration forms if submitted by mail must be postmarked or delivered in person by this day. Registration forms are available at the Macon County Public Library, Highlands Civic Center, Hudson Library in Highlands, Highlands Town Office, Macon County Public Health Center, and the Macon County Board of Elections Office.

One-Stop Voting:

One-Stop Absentee Voting will begin on Thursday, October 16, 2008 (G.S. 163-227.2) and it will end on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. One-Stop Voting will be available at the Macon County Board of Election Office. The Board of Elections office is located on the 1st floor of the Macon County Courthouse. The hours for One-Stop voting will be **Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** In addition the office will also be open on **Saturday, October 18, Saturday, October 25, and November 1, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** One-Stop Voting will only be held during these hours, if you do not vote Absentee By Mail or One-Stop you must go to your polling location on Election Day to cast your vote. In-Person One-Stop Registration is for resident that have missed the deadline for voter registration. A resident must fill out a voter registration application and prove residency by providing appropriate identification with current name and current address. In-Person

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One-Stop Registration is ONLY for ONE-STOP voters, this process is NOT allowed on Election Day.
If you have any questions regarding election matters you may contact our office at 828-349-2034 or visit our web site at www.maconnc.org/elections

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
10/16

Macon County Board of Elections
5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734
828-349-2034

Pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1 (c1) the Macon County Board of Elections will meet to act on absentee ballot applications for the 2008 General Election in the boardroom of the Board of Elections office on the following dates. The dates are as followed:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 2:00 p.m.

The Board is not required to hold any of the prescribed meetings in said statute unless there are applications or election business to be passed upon.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
10/23



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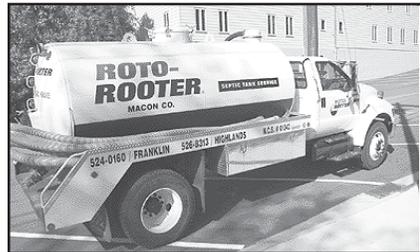
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Zelnik the Magician put on a program at Highlands School recently. Media Coordinator, Carol Bowen, I won this performance for Highlands School by being the first Media Coordinator in Western North Carolina to email a response to an email from the state director about free programs. The magic program was destined for one school per area in North Carolina and Highlands School was picked. Magician Greg Zelnik is based in Charlotte, N. C. and visits schools to promote reading so students learn to associate having fun with reading. He performed two shows at the school on Sept. 25, one for grades K-2 and one for grades 3-5. He used many different books and magic tricks to get the children excited about reading. He involved some of the students, and they all had a blast! The teachers and students had a great time and had good things to say about the program. "I would recommend him to any school who is interested in promoting reading," said Bowen. Above he tickled the funny bone of students K-2; below he intrigues students grades 3-5.



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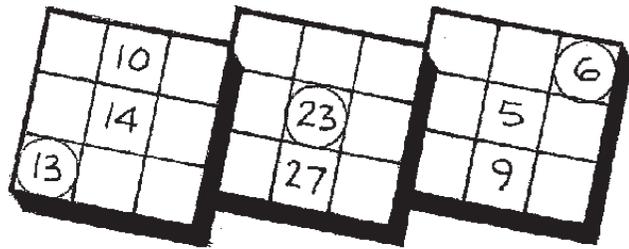
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THE SETUP:

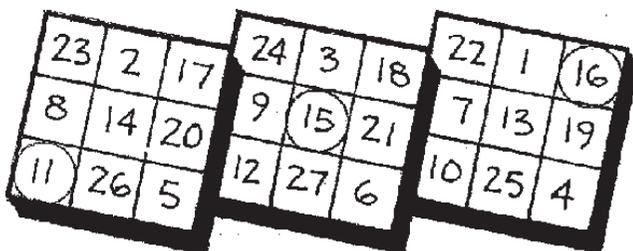
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

THE CHALLENGE:

Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #AZ4E in Oct. 2 issue



Sudo-Grams[©] 2008

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, various cells (six, eight or nine) in the puzzle layout have the same different letters (this is like Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers).

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or cell.

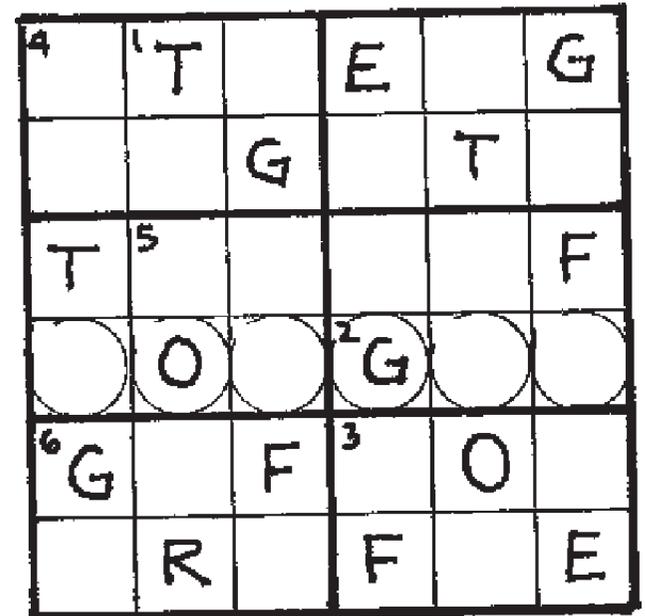
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Cannot Recall (6)

Across

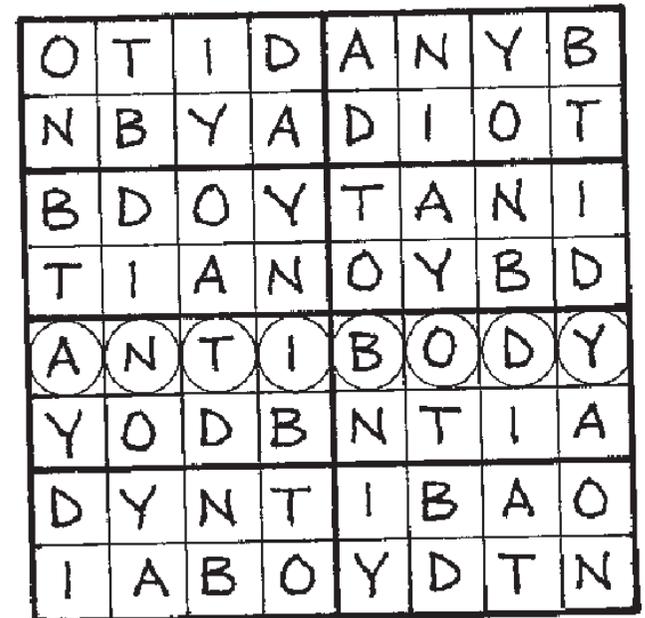
1. Foot digit (3)
2. Obtain (3)
3. Rocky hilltop (3)

Down

4. Retired (Abbr.) (3)
5. One who moves (4)
6. To travel (2)



Solution to Oct. 2 Sudo-Grams



RYAN POTTS' CROSSWORD PUZZLE

I'll provide the capital, you fill in the country

Across

- 2 Sofia
- 3 Santiago
- 6 New Dehli
- 9 Pyongyang
- 12 Tripoli
- 13 Kuala Lumpur
- 14 Skopje
- 18 Addis Ababa
- 20 Montevideo
- 22 Monrovia
- 23 Ottawa

Down

- 1 Helsinki
- 3 Canberra
- 4 Tehran
- 7 Jakarta
- 8 Nassau
- 10 Madrid
- 11 Bogota
- 15 Cairo
- 16 Lima
- 17 Ankara
- 19 Reykjavik
- 21 Bucharest



Find It All On This Map

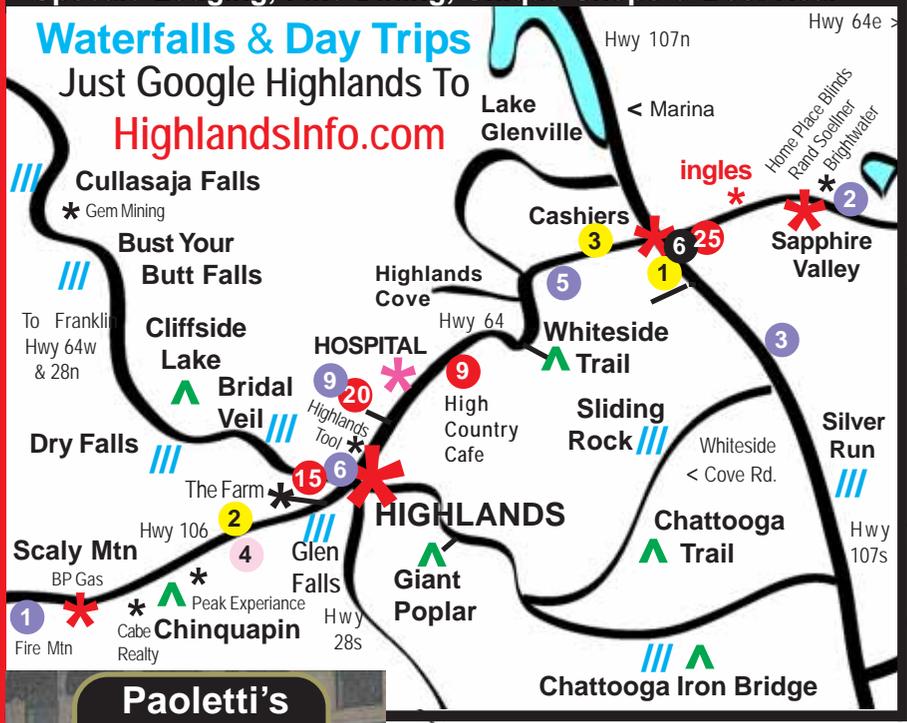
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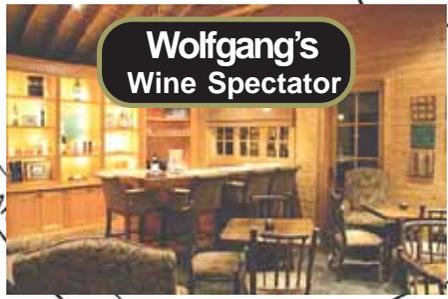
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DINING	DINING	Fashion	Antiques
1 Brick Oven	13 Nick's	1 AnnaWear	1 Acorns
2 Buck's	14 Oak St Cafe	2 Bear Mt. Outfit.	2 Chinz
3 Cyprus	15 On The Verandah	3 Bungalow Boutq.	3 CK Swan
4 Don Leon	16 Paoletti's	4 Jackson Madeleine	4 Mirror Lake
5 Fireside	17 Pizza Place	5 McCulley's	5 Scudder's
6 Fressers Eatery	18 Rib Shack	6 Needle Point	Galleries
7 Fressers Express	19 Rosewood	7 Silver Eagle	1 Bryant Art Glass
8 Golden China	20 Skyline Lodge	8 Stone Lantern	2 Drakes Diamonds
9 High Country	21 Sports Page	9 Village Kids	3 Mill Creek Gallery
10 Lakeside	22 SweeTreats	10 Wit's End	4 Tin Roof Gallery
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2 Hampton Inn
3 High Hampton Inn
4 Highlands Suites
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9 Skyline Lodge
10 The Lodge

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